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President's Remarks Jenny Quigney 459-8090

Well spring is here; at least it feels like spring at the time of this writing. We can all look forward to the arrival of warm air and green grass - a new beginning.

January marked the beginning of a new year for AWTHS and was celebrated with a carry-in dinner. The dinner was well attended and everyone had a good time. It was at that time that yours truly was elected as president and Fred Troutwine as vice President. Our past president Larry Wallace was elected to serve as a board member along with Joyce Colville, Richard Troutwine, Bill Metzcar, Dave Flora, and Keith Furlong. I feel I have great board members and I look forward to serving with them over the coming year. I would also like to thank all the committees and the committee chairs for all the time and effort they put in to ensure a successful year.

As of March we have in our saving/checking account \$10,175 and we look to add to that amount with the Trash Bash coming up in April.

Since it is a new year it would be a great time to talk to family and friends about joining AWTHS and learning about the community's history.

All in all I look forward to the events planned for the coming year and making lots of memories to add to the rich history of Arcanum.

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Memories * Old Fashioned Days May 20th, 21st and 22nd and Arcanum Public Library Display

Displays AWTHS will focus on school memories during Old Fashioned Days with displays at both the Historical Society and Arcanum Public Library. Viewing the displays you can learn where one and two room school houses were located. There are early photos of some of the schools and classes in Southern Darke County as well as yearbooks and sports uniforms. We are thankful to those who identified the people in the photos. Also thanks to the acquisitions committee Carolyn Furlong and Carolyn & Fred Troutwine for this pictorial trip back in time.

Visit the **Library display through May**. Thanks to Annette Stewart for a glimpse of the school days of our parents and grandparents.

Our **OFD parade float** will also salute education. Arcanum Butler Elementary teachers and children will be riding on the float. As part of the 3rd grade Ohio curriculum students study their community. AWTHS is glad to be part of their study when they visit the historical society for a glimpse of life in early Arcanum and during the walking tour of downtown.

The AWTHS display will be in place April 16th from 1 - 4 p.m. The building will not be open in the morning for regular hours. These special hours will provide a time for Arcanum Alumni to visit before the Homecoming event.

Open hours during OFD are Friday 6-8 p.m., Saturday noon - 8:00 p.m. and Sunday noon - 6 p.m.

On Going Display The historical society school exhibit can be seen through the summer during our summer hours, each Saturday from 9 to noon.

Membership Meeting and Program May 12, 7:00 p.m.

Program: Fred Shaw - Shawnee Storyteller

Fred Shaw, also known as Neeake, will share stories from his Native American ancestors. A retired Methodist minister, Fred is a Shawnee descendant and a traditional storyteller of the culture, sharing stories in a variety of national and international venues. Fred is one of ten American Indian storytellers invited to share in the first-ever National Native American Indian storytelling Festival. Join us Thursday, May 12th at 7:00 when Fred shares the stories, a part of an oral tradition that has been handed down from one generation to the next for centuries and include history, music, humor, cultural perspectives, words as art and ecology.

Coffee and Conversation Summer Series

Saturday Morning 10:00 a.m. June 1st * July 9th * August 13th

Coffee and Conversation Series continue for the third season. Each session we will have a different guest who will share their memories of growing up in Southern Darke County. It is a time to share stories; your stories and those of our host. Or, just come and listen - and be ready to laugh. This free event is open to everyone.

June 11th Fred & Dick Troutwine - Automotive Business
July 9th Lyle Bixler - FM Alumni & Arcanum Businessman
August 13th TBA

AWTHS Officers and Directors

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Meet Our New President * Jenny Quigney

I would like to take a few minutes of your time to introduce myself. My husband Joe and I have lived in the Arcanum area for nearly thirty years. We are the proud parents of five children and 10 grandchildren with number eleven due in July. We have two sets of twins with the girls being the oldest and the boys being the youngest. This means that my oldest son is in the middle between both sets of twins. Three of the kids live in Arcanum area and one daughter lives in Delaware, OH while my oldest son lives in Tennessee.

My husband is self-employed, that means that I am self-employed. We jointly run a small company that installs voice and data cabling along with installation and programming of telephone systems. I "try" to run the office and do all the scheduling. I say try because I am also involved with other organizations in the community which include the Arcanum Garden Club and the Arcanum Criterion Club. In addition to the various clubs I belong to I also try to help with my grandchildren which keep me very busy at times.

I am pleased to say that I have been actively involved with AWTHS for the better part of ten years. I have seen a great deal of changes over the years and cannot say enough about the members past and present who have worked hard and dedicated a great deal of time to the preservation of the history of our little town of Arcanum.

2016 Farmers Market

Once again the Farmers Market will be held in Veterans Park on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This year's market will run from June 4th to approximately August 27th. Everyone is welcome to be a vendor. There is no charge to set up and sell. Please help us "spread the word" that new vendors are welcome. If anyone has questions, call Sharon Troutwine, 692-5128.

Membership Sharon Troutwine 692-5128

We welcome Mark York and Tim Koehl as our newest members.

As of March 8, we have 121 members for the 2016 calendar year. This includes : 1- honorary; 5- Lifetime; 6- Sponsorships; 0 - Corporate; 37 - Families; and 27 - Single Memberships. We still have 34 memberships who have not as yet been renewed for the 2016 year. In addition to membership fees, members donated \$625.

We thank you all for being so loyal - you are appreciated.

2016	All memberships are renewable January 1st of each year	2016
Use the form below to renew or join for the first time. Fill in your email address if you wish to receive the newsletter by email.		
Please consider volunteering your time or services. "Many hands make light work"		
Membership Form		Mail to AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304
Name _____	New _____	Renewal _____
Phone Number _____	Receive newsletter by Email? add address _____	
Address _____		
City, State and Zip code _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Single	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Sponsorship
<input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Corporate	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Lifetime	
Your additional tax deductible 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.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisitions	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Sites	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Nominating
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt A Highway	<input type="checkbox"/> Type Research Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Design/Displays
<input type="checkbox"/> Scan Photos	<input type="checkbox"/> Assist Resource Librarian	<input type="checkbox"/> Publications
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clipping newspaper articles	<input type="checkbox"/> Ways & Means
	<input type="checkbox"/> Set Up Hall	<input type="checkbox"/> Flower Garden Care
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yard Care

SOUTHERN DARKE COUNTY HISTORY Annette Stewart 417-3746
CLARIFICATION FROM OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

It was stated under collections and acquisitions that we received the Susan H. Kendall collection and a number of research materials from Garst. It should state that these materials were from the Darke County Genealogical Society. This has been corrected in our records.

PART II MINI SERIES ON FAMILY RESEARCH AND RECORDS

Just to clarify from last newsletter on this subject, reference materials and various documents or copies are available at the Darke County Historical Society and Garst Museum located at 205 North Broadway in Greenville, Ohio. Per their website page <http://www.garstmuseum.org/genealogy.php> info can be obtained on hours and records their genealogy department contains which is a part of the Darke County Genealogical Society. "The Darke County Genealogical Society exists to promote genealogical research in the county. It helps maintain a collectionin the library at Garst Museum." <http://dcgs.dcoweb.org/>. See their websites for more information.

Census Records: This record helps to determine the location of your ancestor. Census records were very general in the early years (1790) but contain more specific information in the latter years. These records may contain head of household as well as members of household, ages, place of birth, etc. Census takers went from household or farm to the next so their neighbor's names are another clue. Errors do occur and miss-spellings of names. Always search by an index if available. If you do not know the exact township or location indexes will help. If unknown, you have no choice but to search each township or county. Some census are on-line. Check sites such as Ancestry or Family Search. You may need to pay a fee on some sites. Other resources are census books available at some historical societies or public libraries. We have a few census books in our AWTHS library. (*Research and Records will continue in the next newsletter*)

****Old one and two room school house materials-** For our upcoming September program I'm seeking stories from students or teachers as well as landowners or those living in an old school house. Also any old photos from Southern Darke County. Your originals can be copied if you are not able and returned to you. Please contact Annette Stewart at 692-6462 or e-mail contact@arcanumhistoricalsociety.org. Please check with your family or neighbors. I would especially like to hear from some Butler, Castine and Franklin Monroe Township residents.

Arcanum Alumni Association * Trojan Alumni Homecoming by Linda Newbauer

At the February 16th meeting of the Arcanum Alumni Committee this year, a 100 year old book containing the secretary's minutes dating back to April, 1911 from the original Arcanum Alumni Association was shown to all committee members.

As many of you may or may not know, Peggy Flory Metzger, Alice Schwenkle North and Barbara Reynolds Ganger served as secretaries of the Alumni Association for many years and were responsible to direct the 25 year class annually to "host the Arcanum Alumni Banquet". When Barb retired from the secretary position the task of planning and coordinating the Alumni Banquet, became the full responsibility of the 25 year class. Therefore in the year of 2010, when Christine Kessler began the task of the banquet planning that year, she received the "box of Alumni information". This is when she found this valuable book and held onto this box of information.

Each year, the next 25 year class would begin the **daunting** task to start anew with little guidance without a "secretary assistance" to plan for another yearly event in April. Since much time and effort needs to take place to put an event together for the Alumni, in 2014, Mr. John Stephens, Superintendent of AHS made the decision to assign an advisory committee to take on the planning and directing of this Alumni event. A new committee was formed and Tom Fourman and Linda Newbauer were appointed Co-Chairmen. In the summer of 2014, this new committee started to have monthly meetings to plan for the Alumni event for April 18, 2015. This committee of twenty fellow Alumni created a mission statement whereby the committee re-invented itself by reorganizing, re-energizing, created sub-committees, updated the database of Alumni addresses, and acted aggressively to raise more dollars for scholarships. Lastly they decided to change the name to the Trojan Alumni Homecoming! They were pleased with their efforts as a very successful event was held on April 18, 2015!

Tom, Linda and the committee has been meeting monthly since September, 2015 to plan for the Trojan Alumni Homecoming this year, April 16, 2016. At the September meeting, the committee decided that all Alumni records should be stored in one safekeeping place. All records including those from Christine, were given to Tom for safekeeping. Tom brought the Alumni Secretary book to the meeting on February 16th and since the 100 year old Alumni Secretary Book has records of over 100 years ago, Tom and Linda decided this book should be given to the AWTHS.

Excerpt from the 1911 - 1927 Alumni Secretary's Book

May 1, 1911

The third meeting of the A.A. meet at the Farmers' Bank. 9 present. Motion duly made, seconded and carried that the meeting be held in Woodman Hall. Moved and seconded that each member be assessed \$1 and guest 50 cts. Carried.

It was decided to use \$10 for music.

It was also decided to use postal cards instead of envelopes for invitations. Enough money sub. to pay debt. Motion carried to adjourn. (Four meeting were held to plan the event.)

May 19, 1911

The thirteenth annual reception of the Arcanum Alumni Association in honor of class of 1911 was held at the Woodman Hall. (1) Music was furnished by Satalia.

A very pleasing trio was rendered by J. A Smith, Miss King and J. S. Smith. The following officers were elected for ensuing year. Pres. J.S. Smith, Vice Pres. Alice Fenton, Sec'y Sarah Fulton, Treas., J.A. Smith, Ex. com. Nona Rosser, Geneivra Rooks.

A lunch of cream, strawberries, cake and coffee was served.

The president gave a very interesting welcome to the class of 1911 to which Mabel Reynolds responded.

Prof. O. Y. Hershey then favored us with an address, followed by an address by Jesse Garrison.

Several members then responded extemporaneously.

43 present.

Lester Miller Pres.

Nelle Eichelbarger Sec'y

May 23, 1925

The twenty-seventh annual reception of the Arcanum High School Alumni Association was held in the Home Economics Room at the school building with eighty-six members and guests present. A very nice banquet was served by Mrs. L. O. Perry & the girls of the Home Economics Department of the High School. After the Banquet the following program was enjoyed.

Welcome Address to the class of 1925, Mr. D. O. Heeter; Response Theodore Reigle; Music Mrs. W. C. Cuffman; Address Mrs. Anna Vance; Music Mr. L.O. Perry.

Round Table response from classes represented.

The following officers were elected for next year

President	O.S. Simpson
V. Pres.	Mrs. Jessie Davis
Secy-Treas.	Frances Gearhart
Executive Comm.	C. G Rosser, Nelle Dingleline, Bertha Harleman
	President D. O. Heeter
	Sec'y Frances Gearhart

Reference: (1) Woodman Hall - Modern Woodman of American Lodge Hall, Located on the second floor of building at 105-107 N. High Street. This was the location of Lew Williams Printing

(2) School at 310 North Main St. was built in 1924. 1925 was first year Arcanum High School Alumni Association held the reception in the new school. At that time the school was "in the country".

Editor's note -Some of the signatures were difficult to read, some names may not be spelled correctly in this article.

Read the 100 year old minutes. The 1911-1927 Alumni Association Secretary's book has minutes from the planning meetings, annual receptions and also lists of those who attended each year. If you would like to see the secretary's book contact Annette Stewart 417-3746 for an appointment.

**"School Days, School Days, Dear Old Golden Rule Days
Redin' and ritin' and rithmetic, taught to the tune of the hickory stick..."**

Will D. Cobb and Gus Edwards 1907

Frazer Wilson states in the beginning of his book, "History of Darke County Ohio From Its Earliest Settlement to the Present Times," (1914) that someone aptly said:

"The Average American is content to let history begin with himself," exhibiting thereby an ignorance and indifference unworthy of citizenship in a republic bought with blood and sacrifice."

It is our responsibility as adults to provide ancestral stories and historical information to our children in order for them to understand the value of hard work and the many sacrifices that went into the making of our great nation. Stressing appreciation and respect for these early settlers is vital as it sends an important positive message for future generations to follow.

With this philosophy in mind, and connecting with our school, Fred Troutwine conducts a yearly historical tour of our town for third graders, sharing factual information comparing early Arcanum with the town of today. The classes return to the Historical Society House for a talk given by Keith and Carolyn Furlong. Here they learn about clothing, tools, cooking, everyday chores, and education in the one-room schools.

Many families from our area came from Germany and settled in the Lancaster, PA. area. These families heard from friends and early settlers of the fertile land and opportunities in Ohio and decided to make the move. They cleared the land and built homes. They brought with them the priority of education and wanted their children to benefit from the same structured schooling they received in the East. As soon as homes were built, clusters of children were gathered up and small schools were built, teachers hired, and formal learning begun.

"In the beginning, reading and writing were taught in One-Room Schools. Arithmetic and geography came later. School sessions were usually three months in length in the winter. Pay for the teachers amounted to \$10.00 a month. In some of the schools, students were required to study in a "loud tone", to let the teach know they were engaged in their lessons and *not* mischief." (Frazer Wilson -"History of Darke County")

School districts began to appear within Townships, based on population. As the population increased, eventually the Twin Township Board of Education and the Arcanum Board saw the need to form a new School District. This was partially driven by State Legislative action. The Arcanum times of March 2, 1922 reported a formal petition filed with the County Board reading as follows: "In order to provide a School District of sufficient size and tax duplicate for establishing at some future time a modern school plan for the proper education of the youth of this community we, the undersigned electors of Twin Township do hereby request the County Board of Education to create a new school district to consist of the territory now contained in Twin Township District and Arcanum Village District." This paved the way for the construction of schools in the town to accommodate the growing student population.

The following information is in , "Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852-1968) by Anita Short.

- * The earliest school house (1857) was brick and built on the EUB church site (now Faith United Methodist)
- * In 1865 a new frame building for a school was built across the street which was used until 1876.
- * A new eight-room two story brick school was built in front of the former frame school, with the opening in November 1876.
- * Conditions became crowded with High School attendance doubling necessitating moving the 7th and 8th grade classes to building in the downtown business district.
- * By October 1922, the State Inspector would no longer pass the conditions of the main school building.
- * In February 1923, Mattie Ivester sold land for the construction of the North Main School with the first day of school being September 8, 1924.
- * A proud community witnessed the ground breaking for the present school on October 10, 2008.

Annette Stewart will be presenting an all-inclusive program at the September 8, 2016 Membership Meeting of One and Two Room Schools of Southern Darke County and earlier Arcanum schools.

By Carolyn & Fred Troutwine

Our School Days Memories

Arcanum In the 1930s text books were sold at the John Smith Co. JoAnne Hill has a sign from the store which reads "School Books For Sale - Cash Only". JoAnne remembers being in lower elementary, trying to find the answer book for the text books at her family store. She was never successful in her search. JoAnne and her friends didn't like wearing long cotton stockings to school, so as soon as they were at the edge of town, they rolled them down around their ankles. There were no homes on North Main St. beyond the creek. She doesn't remember school being canceled unless the weather was severe.

Jim Longfellow recalls in the early 1940s, "I would have been in the 5th grade, we were dismissed from classes to pick tomatoes at Ralph Unger's farm near the intersection of St. Rt. 503 and Hollansburg Arcanum Road. We did our share of picking but we also had fun. "I remember one of the other boys threw a tomato at a passing car. It landed on the window, in front of the drive. We all took off running" The following day the mothers would go into the school and can the tomatoes which would then be used for school lunches throughout of the year. The mothers also canned green beans for the school. He remembered the school not having a cafeteria until around 1938.

Jim enjoyed playing basketball in the 8th grade but didn't play in high school because of helping on the family farm. In his junior year he helped his brother-in-law farm 160 acres. Jim tells how the next year he farmed that same land himself. "I used farming those acres as a Agriculture Class project. I took 2 weeks off school to harvest crops of corn, wheat and oats. When harvesting was finished, I had to work extra hard to catch up on my school work."

Monroe Township School Jean Munn Hillis recalls when the weather was too bad for the students to go outside each class took a turn using the gym at lunch time to run and play. The other days of inclement weather there would be a lot of activities to do in the classrooms.

Students ate lunch they brought from home in their classrooms. A fond memory is of her little blue oval lunch pail. Small containers of milk was available to buy.

School supplies could be purchased from the "Book Store" which was in a closet; items like pencils, tablets and workbooks. Jean remembers the teachers making copies of worksheets by putting the original in a tray of a jelly material then laid on plain paper to make copies for each students. (Editor's note: Does anyone know of this process?)

Up through the 1940s women could not teach if they were married. Jean's mother, Frances Kress, taught school for 2 years in the one room school, Sycamore School, on St. Rt. 722, in Monroe Township until she married.

Jean's father, Herbert Yohe, was on the Monroe School board. At times he was assigned the duty of going to the home of applicants to tell them they were not eligible for the teaching position because they were married.

Sometime when there was a need or wish for the bride to continue teaching after being married, the newlyweds would keep their marriage a secret. Ollie and Timmy Smith did just that so she could teach one more year in the Monroe School. They each lived in their family homes for that year.

West Manchester Richard Rinehart attended the four room school in West Manchester his first three years. At that time only two rooms were used for classroom. Clairebell Stayton taught the lower four grades while the principal Mr. Brown taught 5th through 8th. Mr. Brown and the town kids walked to their homes for lunch, Ms. Stayton went to a restaurant in Eldorado, which left the country kids on their own to eat the lunch they packed from home. They ate in the classroom or on nice days outside on the playground. Richard remember the children behaved well with no supervision. In the early 1940s this school still had outside toilets.

Butler Township School Richard and Marilyn Loxley Rinehart both attended Butler Township. Richard started there when he was in 4th grade. Butler was considered a modern school at that time, "it had indoor bathrooms".

The students packed their lunch or bought from the cafeteria. Barb Baker Greiner and Marilyn recall their mothers along with other ladies bringing canned vegetables and fruits from their gardens for the cooks to serve for the school lunches. This allowed the children of those families to eat at no cost. Richard remembers lunches costing 10 cents, and milk in a little glass bottle was one penny more. The lunch room had a freezer from where you could buy frozen treats. He especially liked the fudgsicles costing 5 cents.

Marilyn and Barb remember a Religious Education teacher, a woman, who came to Butler regularly to instruct the students. Parents wrote a note to the teacher if they didn't want their children to attend the religion classes.

After 8th grade graduation the Butler Township students had the choice to attend New Madison High School or Arcanum High School. Marilyn choose New Madison and Richard choose Arcanum. Several years earlier the students could also have chosen Monroe Preble County High School.

Butler Twp. School 1926-2010* Ruud Automatic Water Heater

AWTHS has an interesting "keepsake" from the former Butler Township School which was located at Grubbs Rex Rd and St. Rt. 127 - a **Ruud Automatic Water Heater**. The water heater is on display at AWTHS. It provided hot water for the Butler school building from 1926-2010. Originally, the water was heated by fuel oil, later it was converted to natural gas.

The Ruud Manufacturing Company was established in 1897 by Edwin Ruud, who invented and patented the first automatic water heater on September 6, 1898. Having running hot water was considered a luxury.

The company is still headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA. For more information, a picture of the automatic water heater and Mr. Edwin Ruud, go to www.ruud.com. (Submitted by Keith Furlong.)

A Bit Of School History

The Butler Twp. School was an elementary school from 1926 until 1968. After completion of 8th grade, students could choose to attend either Arcanum or New Madison high school. There were at one time 9 one or two room schools in Butler Twp.

The Ohio Board of Education mandated a change in 1968:

"The state imposition was passed out to all school districts that do not maintain a high school and stated that these districts must consolidate with another district that has a high school by July 1. (Arcanum Times 5/16/1968)

Butler Twp. School consolidated with Arcanum becoming the Arcanum Butler Local School District. Grades 6th 7th and 8th were taught at the Butler building, renamed Arcanum Butler Middle School. The rest of the grades were at the Arcanum North Main Street building. After the new school on Trojan Ave. was completed in 2011 grades 1- 12 have been in the same building.

The Butler Township Trustees then took ownership of the Butler school building. The original brick section of the building was torn down, the newer section, added on in 1973, was left and used for the Butler Township offices.



AWTHS Visitors Hours 9 a.m. - Noon Reference Room 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Open each Saturday June through August
September thru May open the 1st Saturday of each month

Note: Visitors Hours In April and May will not be open our normal hours.

Calendar of Events

April 5, 2016	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
April 15, 2016	Euchre Card Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
April 16, 2016	Visitors Hours (Special Hours)	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
May 3, 2016	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
May 6, 2016	Euchre Card Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
May 12, 2016	Membership Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Program: Fred Shaw	
May 20, 21, 22, 2016	Old Fashioned Days	
May 21 & 22, 2016	Visitors Hours (Special Hours)	Noon - 6:00 p.m.
June 7, 2016	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
June 3 & 17, 2016	Euchre Card Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
June 11, 2016	Coffee and Conversation Series	10:00 a.m.
July 9, 2016	Coffee and Conversation Series	10:00 a.m.

Summer Open Hours Coordinator Susie Weisenbarger is coordinating the host schedule for summer open hours. Please contact her if you can help-692-5597. "New" volunteers are encouraged to help and will meet to go over the guidelines.