

**Presidents Report - Larry Wallace 937-620-2800**

Fall is here. The beans and corn are turning. This spring and summer have been very profitable to AWTHS. The fund raising events have seen our bank account reach more than \$10,000, ending in August, with the Christmas Bazaar in November still to come.

I wish to thank all those who have helped with the fundraising events this year. And thanks again to those who are still in there working for the rest of the year. The different fundraisers this year were very profitable because of the people who worked and the people who supported the activities. Later on in this newsletter you will read what each event has accomplished.

The Old House and the park are serving the community in tip top shape. Thanks to Keith Furlong for overseeing several projects to completion. Please contact me or another member of the AWTHS if you wish to help with any project or fundraiser. An old adage which says that it takes a village to raise a child also applies here with the house. It takes a village to keep her in great shape.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome AWTHS new Vice President, Rob Lindenborn. Rob has been a Trooper of the Ohio Highway Patrol for the past 22 years. His wife, Krystal, works in Greenville for Spirit Ambulance Co. Their son Blake is 11 years old and attends Arcanum School. Having a Vice President from a different era will be a benefit to the association. Younger people can keep the message moving in a positive way. Please welcome the Lindenborn family into our small family of hard working members of AWTHS.

The first year of my tenure is going into the final couple months. It has been fun and rewarding to serve and help as your President. We all are looking forward to next year to be as rewarding and profitable as this year.

**AWTHS Officers and Directors**

President	Larry Wallace	620-2800
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**November 13th - 7:00 p.m. Program and Membership Meeting**

**Local Resident, Randy Brown, to Speak on the Journey of Civil War Soldier Jesse Hyer.**

Randy's love of Civil War history is from a personal level. Jesse Hyer, Randy's great-grandfather on his mother's side, (Phyllis Hyer Brown) was a soldier in the Ohio 110th Infantry Regiment. Randy's main interest is on the experience of his great-grandfather. The family has over 190 personal letters written to him by family, and soldiers during his three years in the war.

A member of Witnessing History in Lexington, Ky., Brown has toured a number of battle grounds, and recently this summer toured three battlefields in north-central Virginia.

Randy was born and raised in Darke County, living his early life in the Arcanum area. A metalworking specialist for Petro Choice Ohio, he is the current pastor at Northside Community Fellowship of Greenville. Randy founded Haiti Church Ministries. He travels to Haiti a couple times a year and sponsors bible conferences and training seminars.

Committee Reports**Ways and Means**

**Results - Fair Gate** - Keith and Carolyn Furlong 548-6556 Thanks to all who volunteered at the Darke County Fair gate. During the 9 day event, we covered 135 hours and received \$1000 for our efforts. The Fair set record attendance and revenues. We happen to believe that our outstanding gate keepers were a large part of this success. We will be keeping the same times and schedule next year, August 15-23, 2014. Thanks for your effort and cooperation

**Farmers Market** - Annabelle Wallace 937-620-9806 The summer really flew by! The 2013 Farmers Market made a total of \$892.00. Once again we increased our sales from the previous year. We could not have done it without the combined efforts of our members.

I want to thank everyone who donated. Having a variety of items to sell is what keeps the customers coming back. There were a few weeks I had customers waiting for us to set up so they would be able to purchase a favorite item. This was a first for us so we know we are on the right track.

This year new sandwich signs were made and place at 2 locations in town for advertisement. Lynn Trump built the signs and Larry Wallace did the painting. Thank you both for you great work. I received may compliments on them.

We had an increase in regular vendors this year. Beside the usual variety of vendors selling produce, we had Becky Hill selling her woven rugs, and the Darke County Humane Society sold Cutlery and accepted paperwork for adopting pets. Each week they brought a cat for people to see and hold. By the end of the season they had found permanent homes for a few lucky felines. With the closing of Smith's Coffeeshouse this summer we really needed this variety of vendors to bring in the customers.

I want to thank everyone who volunteered to work the Market. You are the reason we had a successful year. I look forward to working with you again next year.

**Rummage Sale** - Richard and Sharon Troutwine- 692-5128 Our annual rummage sale was again very successful with a profit of over \$1,210. Unsold items were boxed up and picked up by Dawn Arnett. Thanks to everyone for your donations as well as helping to set-up, price, sell and clean-up. A very special thank you to Carol Null who donated many of her household items as she prepared to move to Florida. Please start collecting now for our 2014 Rummage Sale.

**Up Coming**

**Christmas Bazaar** - Richard and Sharon Troutwine 692-5128 It's that time again! The 2013 Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday, November 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. We plan to again have a 50-50 Raffle, an In-House Raffle and a Door Prize.

Beck's Boutique will re-open with hats, scarves, purses, gloves, holiday clothing, jewelry, also other glittery and unique items. The Bake Shoppe and Country Store will again be selling all kinds of delicious homemade baked goodies, candies, snacks, frozen soups and more. Please check through your favorite recipes and create your specialties. Your food donations may be delivered to AWTHS on Friday Nov. 29th from noon until 4:00 p.m. for pricing. Other bazaar donations may be dropped off on the back porch at any time or call Dick Troutwine, 692-5128, for pick-up.

The 2013 Christmas Bazaar will be successful with all of your help.

**It Happened in 1913****The Arcanum Times - August 14, 1913*****Ithaca Post Office to be Discontinued***

After September 15th the post office of Ithaca will be discontinued and all patrons who do not care to come to Arcanum to get their mail may erect boxes and be served by the carrier on Route 5. All mail boxes are required to be erected by Sept 15th.

**The Arcanum Times - Dec. 4, 1913*****Board of Education Takes Charge of the Public Library. Yearly Appropriation to be Made.***

At a recent meeting of the Board of Education, it was decided that the Board would take charge of the public library which for some time has been closed. The board will make a yearly appropriation for its sustenance and appoint the Board of Directors. The Library will be the property of the Arcanum School District and all patrons of the district will have access to it. For several years a few have tried to maintain the library but it proved an up-hill undertaking and after a while it was practically abandoned for lack of funds.

Read more in the AWTHS newspaper scrape book "Arcanum 1913" and also in "Arcanum Chronicles Volume 2" by William Gunder

**Southern Darke County History - Annette Stewart 692-6462**

**Hosting:** Thank you to the following for helping host during summer hours at the house: Marilyn Graeff, Bill Gunder, Dale & Betty Sease, Bruce Shank, Phyllis Troutwine, Sharon Troutwine, Carolyn Trump, and Carolyn Furlong. Your help is much appreciated.

We will continue to need host once a month on the First Saturdays from 9 - noon. Please contact me if you can help out or can come in and assist. This is the best way to learn...by doing.

**Library Displays and Outreach:** We had two display cases in the Arcanum Library with information, photos, and artifacts about our local old schools as well as The Flood of 1913, past local Annie Oakley and Junior Fair Queens along with 4-H awards and fair ribbons. September will be a continuation of the old school houses along with Pitsburg, Franklin Monroe, Arcanum, Gordon, Ithaca and Butler. These were items from our reference library as well as personal collections.

We also manned the booth for the Darke County Visitor Bureau at the Great Darke County Fair at which time we featured the historical society and the town of Arcanum during a two hour shift. It was a great opportunity to showcase our society and town history.

The Paper and Photo Preservation Workshop was well attended with around 10 guests. They were very attentive, asked good questions, and showed appreciation in learning about the proper and best ways to store, display, and organize their collections. I want to thank Carolyn Furlong for her assistance, and for showing us very creative ways to display those treasured heirlooms.

**Reminder:** Just a reminder to come in and visit our research library during visitors open hours. We are still looking for your family history and stories to share with us. Recording those memories and stories is a part of preservation for others to enjoy. We are especially interested in "Your Childhood School Story" and "Thanksgiving and Christmas Memories". Please share you favorite holiday recipe with us.

**Restoration and Maintenance - Keith Furlong 548-6556**

There were several projects that have finally been completed:

- 1. Veteran's Memorial Park:** Early this year, the marble stone marker for the park was knocked over and broken to the point that it could not be repaired. A new one was ordered by Abbottsville Monuments and finally installed on August 28. The cost was \$1,491.
- 2. Front Porch:** The rotting boards on the front porch were replaced by Neil Fasick at a cost of \$323.
- 3. Stage Railing:** The railing on the Veteran's Memorial Park stage continues to be a problem and in need of constant care. Thanks to Bill Metzcar for his work in stabilizing the rail. A more permanent solution needs to be addressed.
- 4. Park Benches:** Several weeks ago, I was contacted by Mayor Judy Foureman regarding our possible interest in renovating and restoring two old park benches for AWTHS. Thanks for the donation by the village and also for the cooperation and collaboration of Dave Flora, Jim Hamilton, Bill & Gayla Metzcar, and Peggy Didier, we now have two benches, made of white oak, to enjoy.
- 5. New Neighbors:** We have new neighbors, who are very welcomed, and are in the process of renovating their house. We share a flower garden on the west side, which was probably planted by Arcanum Wayne Trail Grange. It needs a lot of attention in eliminating the crowded conditions. Some bushes may also have to be taken out. I need your help. Please give me a call to help out.

**Successful Event****Gathering at the Garst**

July 27th and 28th

*The Gathering at the Garst Heritage Festival* showcased Darke County towns at this year's annual event. AWTHS represented Arcanum with a large display of clothing, photos, and memorabilia connecting the early days of Arcanum with today. This was all made possible by the generosity of JoAnne Hill, Tom Staley, Annette Stewart and The All American Clothing Company for the use of vintage and new clothing. It all came together through the efforts of Bill Gunder, Annette Stewart, Fred & Carolyn Troutwine, Becky Dynes and Barb Deis. The Arcanum booth drew many visitors and positive comments. Thanks to all who helped with this huge project, especially All American Clothing Company for designing the wonderful posters showing a brief timeline of Arcanum businesses and events.

**M. L. Weisenbarger Company "The Busy Store"** - 12, 14, 16, 18 West George Street. Between 1905 and 1927 Weisenbarger's general merchandise store operated business from one or all of these store fronts. The previous occupant of this location was the general store H. J. Niswonger & Company. A new brick structure was erected in 1915. By 1927 the store met with financial difficulties resulting in the sale of the store and land the following year. Over the next 31 years various businesses occupied the store fronts. In 1959 a fire destroyed the building. The lots have been used for off street parking since that time.

M. L. Weisenbarger and his three sons Cletus A., Holly G. and Earl O. used unique ideas to promote business.

*The Arcanum Times, December 10, 1914* "Ever since in business, this enterprising firm has been conducting novel methods of repaying their customers for their patronage. For many years, a lecture course was given through the winter months. Tickets could be obtained by making purchases of a designated amount. Always being on the look out for something new several years ago, they ran an excursion to Cedar Point, tickets being obtainable in the same method. This was one of the greatest successes of any of the many stunts the firm has pulled off. "

*Large Crowd Enjoys Excursion...The Arcanum Times August 14, 1913* Over 1200 people enjoyed the Big Weisenbarger Excursion to Cedar Point Tuesday. The early morning hours brought forth a great multitude of people and by 5 o'clock it seemed as if the whole populace had turned out, either on the way to the resort or out of mere curiosity. The excursion train gathered quite a number of persons from Savona and when the train pulled into Arcanum over 850 entered. Others were taken up at Pittsburg, Laura and Ludlow Falls, all the 14 passenger coaches being filled and quite a number standing. The train left Arcanum about a half hour late and on account of some poor arrangement of the railway company, the train was delayed at almost every other station. At Springfield the train was cut in two sections and four more coaches' added making 18, exclusive of the refreshment car.

After a long and weary journey the first section pulled into Sandusky at 2:10 p.m. and the second at 2:35 p.m. One wait after another had consumed about 5 hours, thus giving very little time at Cedar Point.

After all were unloaded safely at the resort everybody hustled to see what was there or to take advantage of the fine bathing beach. At 7 o'clock section 1 left for home, arriving at 2:20 a.m. while section 2 came in at 4:25.

It is to be regretted very much that the railroad company failed to give better service but the firm tried every conceivable method to get better results but in vain.

*The Arcanum Times, December 10, 1914* At the present time Weisenbarger's are conducting the contest in which the grand prize is a \$550 player piano. They have over a dozen active club leaders who in turn have 10 club members. This is a novel scheme and it's meeting with success. They give a two percent discount with every cash purchase." Monthly specials were awarded points. For example the October specials were: 100 points for every cent purchased of: Golden Sun Coffee, Wool Dress Goods, Men's or Boy's Clothing, Ladies or Children's Coats. Miss Celia Long was the winner of the contest and was awarded the piano.

Their innovation extended to incorporating other independent vendors in their store creating a mall style store. Another innovation of this company took place in 1916 when a Mail Order Department was instituted.

Read more in "Arcanum, Ohio Business History" by Anita Short and in the 1999 "Arcanum Sesquicentennial Book, 'Arcanum...a secret place".

**2013 Membership Form**

Mail to AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304

Name \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Receive Newsletter by Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\$15 Single \_\_\_\$25 Family \_\_\_\$50 Sponsorship \_\_\_\$150 Corporate \_\_\_\$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.

\_\_\_Acquisitions \_\_\_Newsletter \_\_\_Membership \_\_\_Programs \_\_\_Ways &amp; Means

\_\_\_Historic Sites \_\_\_Education \_\_\_Nominating \_\_\_Flower Garden Care \_\_\_Yard Care

\_\_\_Genealogy \_\_\_Publicity \_\_\_Design/Displays \_\_\_Publications

\_\_\_Adopt A Highway \_\_\_Typing Research Papers

Local historians and authors Bill Gunder and the late Anita Short wrote several books on local history. Their books each cover different stories which show life in a vibrant town. Our community is fortunate to have these local history books for quick reference as well for pleasure reading.

**Books for Sale \* History of Arcanum***The Secret Town - The Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio* \$20*Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852-1968)* \$25*Arcanum Chronicles*-Opera House, Sports, Parades& Celebrations, Brig. Gen. Ed Sigerfoos,  
Grassville Quartette, Christmas, Chautauqua, Fast Horses, District 7 Ithaca School \$20*Arcanum Chronicles Volume 2* - Fire Department and Arcanum Public Library \$18

To purchase books contact Barbara Deis 678-7832, Bill Gunder 692-8000, Board Members or our website

**On Going Projects**

Euchre Parties - First and Third Friday of each month - Dave &amp; Beth Flora 692-8413

Hall Rental - Carolyn Furlong, 548-6556 Aluminum Can Recycling - Keith Furlong, 548-6556

For Sale - Historic Arcanum books, Bill Gunder, 692-8000 Arcanum Note Cards

Donation of Appreciated Stocks - Richard Troutwine, 692-5128 or Todd Durham, 2nd National Bank, 548-2206

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**It's Happening In Arcanum**

**October 24th \* Bean Supper and Halloween Parade & Contest** at Veterans Memorial Park on George Street. The bean supper begins at 5:00 followed with the parade at 6:30 p.m. As in the past the Arcanum Business Association provides soup, corn bread, pop corn, treats, as well as judges and prizes. Members of the Arcanum Lions Club help by providing and serving coffee, punch and cookies. The Veterans Memorial Park is property of the Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society; it is available to the town for special activities.

**November 30th \* Christmas Comes To Arcanum**

\* All Day AWTHS Bazaar

\* Parade brings Santa and Mrs. Claus to town and Santa's house is open

\* Special Activities including horse carriage rides

In 1913 The Arcanum Times published information submitted weekly about the happenings surrounding Arcanum under the heading "County Correspondence". Do you know where these locations were: Pumpkin Center, Four Township Corner, McGriff's Corner, Number Nine, South View, Hesses' Corner, Fair View Crossing, Sugar Valley, Germany, Three Mile North, West View Crossing? We would like to hear from you, tell us what you know about these areas.

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 Arcanum, OH 45304

### Calendar of Events

**First Saturday Of Each Month \* Visitors Hours 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**  
**Reference Room 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

October 2, 2013	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
October 4 & 18, 2013	Euchre Card Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
November 1 & 15, 2013	Euchre Card Party	1:-00- 3:30 p.m.
November 6, 2013	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
November 14, 2013	Membership Meeting and Program	7:00 p.m.
November 30, 2013	Christmas Bazaar	9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
December 4, 2013	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
December 6 and 20, 2013	Euchre Card Meeting	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
<b>January 9, 2014</b>	<b>Annual Membership Meeting/Carry In Dinner</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

**All Membership Dues Are Payable January 1, 2014**

#### Just a Reminder

- \* Donate items for the Christmas bazaar: gently used items can be donated anytime. -- baked goods, candies, sweets of all kinds as well as jams, cheese balls, mustards, etc. Nov. 30th.
- \* Books written about the people of and the history of Arcanum make nice Christmas gifts.
- \* Bring your friends to AWTHS for the Euchre Card Parties.
- \* Place only aluminum cans on the back porch for recycling.
- \* Volunteer to restore the flower beds and to be a host during visitor hours.
- \* Submit your personal stories: family history, Christmas & Thanksgiving Memories, School Stories.
- \* Renew you AWTHS membership, also ask family and friends to join.