

Sharing The Secret

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

As we head into the fall season I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my board members and committee members for their hard work. It is their behind the scenes work that makes this organization run efficiently. Our summer Coffee and Conversation sessions were well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you to Barb Deis for her work in scheduling the guests and the ladies who helped with refreshments. Also, a thank you to all who manned the open houses, your efforts are appreciated.

One of our major fundraisers is providing help at gate 3 during the Darke County fair. This requires a lot of people to fill the 27 time slots. I would like to thank Carolyn and Keith Furlong for their work in making this happen. It can be very frustrating to schedule because everyone has different organizations that they try and help out. So I thank each and everyone who took the time to help us out in this effort. The donation of your time does not go unnoticed.

The Center School Open House held Sept. 10th was very well attended. Thanks to Annette Stewart for the great job she did in researching the history of Center School and also organizing the event with the Tom Jackson family who agreed to have their school open for the program. Annette invited three Center School students, John Munn and Bob & Herb Anthony, to share their experiences while attending the one room school. Bill Young related stories told to him by his mother, Faye Corwin Burke, who taught at Center from 1918 through 1921.

Center School is just one of the schools featured in our one and two room school houses self guided tour you can take to learn more about this time in our history. Download a brochure from our website or pick one up at AWTHS.

Learn more about our early schools by visiting the reference library. Look for binder titled "Old Schools", and books: Chronicles II and also Arcanum Ohio, Business History.

Another great program held last month was an evening with Arcanum Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA Advisor Brian Pohlman along with FFA students who shared highlights of the program. Ag Ed was reinstated in the school's curriculum last year. The students placed very well at various local and state competitions. They were able to practice public speaking skills answering many questions from our audience. The kids were great. Thanks so much.

A huge thanks to the Daily Advocate for covering the Center School event as well as the FFA program. The articles and photos were outstanding.

As we head into the fall and winter months there are membership meetings planned along with the Christmas Bazaar. As usual any help with the bazaar would be greatly appreciated. Please refer to page 2 for details.

Thank you all and enjoy the change in seasons.

November 9th

7:00 p.m.

Military Round Table Discussion

In recognition of Veteran's Day, AWTHS has asked local veterans to participate in a round table discussion of their military experiences on Thursday evening, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone attending is welcome to bring service memorabilia and photos to share that evening.

WWII veterans Herb Anthony and Glenn Eley will join AWTHS members Bill Metzcar, Lynn Trump and Larry Wallace.

This round table discussion will follow the format of the Coffee and Conversation Series. Anyone in attendance is invited to share stories of their tour of duty or those of their family.

Contact Larry at 937-620-2800 for more information regarding the evening.

Everyone will receive a 15 by 19 inch flag to fly on Veterans Day, Saturday Nov 11th.

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Annual Board Meeting and Election of Officers

January 11, 2018

Membership - Sharon Troutwine 692-5128

Good News!! We have received several additional 2017 Membership Renewals. There are still 31 outstanding non-renewed memberships. Please call today to check on your status.

Christmas Bazaar - Sharon Troutwine 692-5128

Be sure to spread the word-- our Christmas Bazaar begins the day after Thanksgiving on Friday, November 24th (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.) and concludes on Saturday, November 25th (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.). Nov. 25th Friday -Deliver Homemade Goodies to AWTHS for the Bake Shoppe between 10 a.m. & 2 p.m..

Remember, immediately after our regular November 9th meeting we will be carrying downstairs all of our unopened boxes and we need your help and your muscles. Also, please stop in any day beginning Friday, November 10th (9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) to help unpack and organize our donations..

We are still accepting gently used Christmas items. Thank you.

2017 Darke County Fair Gate - Keith and Carolyn Furlong 548-6556

Thanks to all of you for your willingness to staff the fair gate. We appreciate the extra effort by Deo Miltonberger who filled in for last minute changes.

In addition to the \$1,250 paid by the fair board; we received an additional \$250 from the Daily Advocate for distributing pamphlets.

Rentals - Carolyn Furlong 548-6556

If you are looking for a place to hold family or school reunions, holiday parties, showers, birthday parties or funeral dinners, the historical society is a convenient, inexpensive and interesting place to hold your next event. The word is out and the community has become very interested in renting the historical house for such gatherings. Please consider renting the building for your special events.

Acquisitions - Carolyn Furlong 548-6556

17060	American Flag given to James David Hill by Federal Judge, Williamsburg, Virginia	JoAnne Hill
17061	Castine Public Schools, framed souvenir booklets, (found in box, public sale)	Connie Pagels
17062	The Woodman's Weather Stick	?
17063	5 cent token from A&B recreation	Deon Bean
17064	1959 Butler Bearcats Annual	
17065	The Best of Arcanum H. S. Band & Trojanaires Record	Gary Riegle
17066	Hand made child's blue & cream comforter	?
17067	Framed metric conversion chart	?
17068	Old Fashioned Glass Necklace	?
17069	Small framed picture, winter scene and temp. gage (Kincaid's Restaurant ad)	?
17070	Burlap Bag, Bleven's Pop Corn	Becky Hill
17071	Cradle roll certificate 1942 Abbottsville E.U.B. Church (mounted on wood)	Carolyn Furlong
17072	Several photos circa 1920 AHS organizations: Kady Kids, glee clubs, Lincoln Library, 1923 football team, girls basketball	?
17073	Pamphlets, Garst Museum Crossroads of Destiny, Annie Oakley, Lowell Thomas	
17074	AHS fall sports program book 2017	Keith Furlong
17075	Skating Pennant Palace Skating Rink	Lester Hollinger
17076	Arcanum Centennial Booklet, 1949	Tim Moore
17077	Whiskey bottle (Oscar Pepper) from Geo. Stevens Bar & Saloon, Arcanum	Tim Hicks
17078	Several Ads Arcanum, Dayton Paper with BB scores	Fred Troutwine
17079	Switchboard Operators, Bears Mill, Karen Rodgers, News on blizzard	Sharon Karns
17090	1934 & 1937 AHS Senior Pictures	John Pease
17091	German Reformed Church Deed copy	Jodena F. Mikesell
17092	School photos of Green, Painter Creek	Susie Wiesenbarger
17093	Cheerleading Photo and news clipping Franklin 1940s	Marilyn Graeff
17094	Troutwine Auto Service pencil	Dave Flora
17095	Graduating class, 8th grade, Franklin names on list included	Julie Bourne
17096	1946 Memories, 1947 Franklin, 1948 Falcon	Teresa Neitzell
17097	Picture postcards of Arcanum	Marilyn Graeff
17098	Harmonica Marilyn used in music class at Wittenburg U.	Marilyn Graeff
17099	Arcanum Hardware work gloves	Mr. & Mrs. Duane Reynolds

Post Office Standing Desk and Mail Sorting Box



The first Arcanum U.S. Post office dating back to 1853 was housed on the second floor of the John Smith Co. at 109 W. George St.

The historical society is pleased to have the post master's standing desk and also one section of the original mail sorting boxes. The mail sorting box still has labels attached indicating destinations: states, cities and territories.

The mail sorting box is on loan from Jim Hill, great great grandson of John Smith.

The desk was donated by Bob Menker. Bob purchased sections of the post office when the contents of the John Smith Co. general store were auctioned in 1995.

Faith United Methodist Church Pulpit



An ornate antique pulpit has been acquired from Faith United Methodist Church in May, 2017.

Located at 101 East South St., Arcanum this church's beginnings started in a log meeting house built two miles east of Arcanum on the North side of Painter Creek, just north of alternate 49 East. In 1856, it became the United Brethren in Christ. The church relocated into Arcanum at an old school house which was eventually torn down and a new church was built at its current location. The dedication was held in 1897.

In November 1946, the nationwide United Brethren Church joined with the Evangelical Association and the church became the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Again another merger -- this in 1968. The Evangelical United Brethren and Methodists merged to become the United Methodist Church.

The pulpit is shown in a photo of the sanctuary dated 1898.

Read more about Faith United Methodist Church in the 1999 Arcanum Sesquicentennial book "Arcanum...a secret place" available in our reference library.

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**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
Other times by appointment. Contact 937-417-3746**

October 3, 2017	Board Meeting		7:00 p.m.
October 6 & 20, 2017	Euchre Card Party		1:00 p.m.
November 3 & 17, 2017	Euchre Card Party		1:00 p.m.
November 7, 2017	Board Meeting		7:00 p.m.
November 9, 2017	Membership Meeting and Program		7:00 p.m.
	Military Round Table Talk		
November 24 & 25, 2017	Christmas Bazaar	Friday	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
		Saturday	9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
December 5, 2017	Board Meeting		7:00 p.m.
December 8, 2017	Euchre Card Party		1:00 p.m.

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 \$ _____