

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

It seems that I am always stating how glad I am that summer has arrived, but as I think about it the time seems to fly by. I guess the saying "take time to smell the roses" rings true. And boy did summer arrive in full force this Memorial Day weekend.

Things are a little more relaxed this time of year but 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 Conversation Series. Please check out the rest of the newsletter for details.

In the last couple of months we have completed the Darke County 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 which the high school does each year. There were also 2 students who helped with the AWTHS Adopt-A-Highway pick up. This is a great program and we are thankful to our school administration that sets up this program each year. It is wonderful to live in a community that makes this type of activity important. The help is very much appreciated.

I would like to thank Barb and Jim Deis for their help with the Old Fashioned Days parade float and to Larry Wallace for getting us a driver. Carolyn Furlong and I hosted the third graders this May at the house and Fred Troutwine lead them on a historic sites walking tour around town. This is a great teaching tool which I am glad the teachers take advantage of. Learning about the community is part of the State of Ohio curriculum and standards for this grade level. I am appreciative of the fact that they put learning about our community into their curriculum and the kids really enjoy it.

At this time we have \$13,214.05 in our checking account. We can expect to add to this amount with the profits from working 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 give you a date and time. This duty will be taken over by Bev Rench next year (2019). We welcome her help with this project – it takes a lot of man hours for the fair gate and I know that you will all support her efforts.

I would like to take a minute to thank Carolyn Furlong for all of her work on acquisitions, she spends a good amount of time photographing and logging all the items that come into the house so that we may preserve and protect our past for our future.

Be sure and check out the remainder of the newsletter for other activities that are going on.

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.

***Coffee and Conversation Continues July 14th and August 11th 10:00 a.m.***

*Dedicated to preserving the history of Southern Darke County we will continue the 2018 Coffee and Conversation Series July 14th and August 11th at 10:00 a.m. with our guests sharing stories, laughter, and memories of living in Southern Darke County.*

***July 14 Kirby & Lori Sutton and Josh Urlage*** Guests July 14th are the Sutton grocery store family, Kirby & Lori and Josh Urlage. Ray Sutton open the first store in 1936, Bennie and wife Janet followed. Now third generation Kirby and his wife Lori along with fourth generation Shala Sutton and her husband Josh Urlage are continuing the tradition of serving the Arcanum community, and recently now serving Union City..

***August 11 Pittsburg & FM District \* Norma Baker, Ruth Kepler, Betty Sease***

The discussion August 11 will continue from last year's session regarding Piitsburg and FM District. Betty Sease, Ruth Kepler and Norma Baker, along with Annette Stewart, will start the journey down memory lane. Bring stories and memorabilia to share.

**AWTHS Officers**

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**Membership** Sharon Troutwine 692-5128

Thanks to all who continue to show their support of AWTHS. If you have a question regarding your membership status contact me. We have several members who have not yet renewed their 2018 memberships.

**Christmas Bazaar 2018** Sharon and Richard Troutwine 692-5128

The **Christmas Bazaar** is our major fund raiser. The 2018 dates are Friday evening November 23 and Saturday Nov 24, with setup beginning November 8th. We are always glad to take any and all donations of gently used Christmas items - drop them off at anytime to AWTHS at the back door.

**Farmers Market and Open Trunk Sale**

Please come to the Farmers Market at Veterans Park every Saturday from 9:00 -12:00 p.m. through August 18th. Come and sell or come and buy !!

Don't miss the new \* **Open Trunk Sale** \*

It's a mini Flea Market sold out of your car trunk or pickup truck. Remember, no unloading.

Come on July 16th and August 4th during the Farmer's Market. Have fun buying or selling. Be sure to look for AWTHS's Open Trunk's Flea Market items.

**Arcanum Area Military Banner Project**

Although the Military Banner Project is not a program of Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society the board encourages the participation of the community in honoring our Veterans and those currently serving by having a banner made for their military family member.

*The Arcanum Military Banner Project salutes the brave men and women who have served our great Country or who is now serving in the military by displaying a 18"x36" banner with their picture and service information along North Main Street from Memorial Day to Veterans Day for years to come starting in 2019.*

*Included in the program is as follows:*

*(1) 18" x 36" banner with a photo, name, rank, branch of service, date of service*

*(2) bracket to mount banner and hardware to mount bracket*

*Cost of the banner printed on one side only \$100.00*

*Cost of the banner printed on both sides is \$200.00*

*Applications can be picked up at Suttons, Troutwine Auto Sales, Orme Hardware, Arcanum Branch Greenville National Bank and Arcanum VFW. Applications can be dropped off at Arcanum Branch Greenville National Bank only.*

*For more information and to have an application mailed to you call Ron Baker 937-248-6400 or Sue Besecker 937-417-6038.*

**Sept. 13      7:00 P.M.      Program      Public Invited**

***"Blue Skies for the Good Guys and Gals Warriors Foundation"***

***Presenter \* David Hart***

David Hart is a former US Army Ranger and Pathfinder, and a founding member of Teamrax Professional Skydiving Team with over 6,000 jumps.

He is also co-founder of the Blue Skies for Good Guys and Gals Warrior Foundation, hosting over 50 combat injured warriors and fallen hero families for 4 days of bonding, healing and life enriching fun in Southwest Ohio.

During his presentation he will talk about many of his most memorable skydives, including his jump over Ground Zero NYC on the 7th Anniversary skydiving.

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Mr. Hart will tell about some of the inspiring Purple Heart recipients and Gold Star families he has taken skydiving, to Dragons games, Hot Air Balloon events and other activities for Guys & Gals Foundation.

Website: [www.WarriorWTR.com](http://www.WarriorWTR.com)

**Darke Count Fair - Gate #3 Friday August 17th - August 25th** 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 me that you can work. Our responsibilities are to sell tickets and check passes. Volunteers are needed for Wednesday Aug. 22 noon. to 5 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 2018. 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.***

**2018 Darke County Fair Gate #3 Friday August 17th thru Saturday 25th Schedule**

	<b>7 am-12noon</b>	<b>12 noon - 5pm</b>	<b>5pm - 10pm</b>
Fri. 17	Beth & Dave Flora 692-8413 Deo Miltenberger* 678-0185	Jean Aukerman 692-9922 Karen & Mike Young 737-0016	Connie Norris 692-8085 Tasha Anderson 621-4569 Carolyn Furlong 548-6556 C Furlong & Jeff & Kelly Baron 548-6556 765-993-3477 & Tony Mart
Sat. 18	Deo Miltenberger* 678-0185 Tom Staley 693-8634 Bill Metzger 692-5904	Wallace & Trump 620-2800 548-6116	Linda Newbauer 996-8264 Dick & Sharon Troutwine 692-5128
Sun.19	Denise & Jason Trimbale 416-7178 Kathy & Mike Fout 467-6534 M & S Threewits 765-960-0014	Jim & Barb Deis 662-0119 Sally Sharritts 692-5245	Dick & Sharon & Linda Newbauer 692-5128 996-8264
Mon. 20	Allen Fourman* 692-8635 Dave Hamlin & Ardis Trigg	Marilyn Graeff 692-8140 J. Aukerman 692-9922 Susie Weisenberger 692-5597	Jerry & Bev Kramer 692-5764 Bev Rensch & Curt 623-0468 Deo & Pam Furlong 272-8886
Tue. 21	Jim & Barb Deis* 662-0119 Annette & Rex Stewart 417-3746	J. Delk 692-5569 & Jenny Quigney J. Colville 417-3344 459-8090	Rose Lambert Terry & Judy Mills 692-5582 Cary & Teresa Wogomon 692-5877
Wed. 22	Jeff Puterbaugh 692-5302 C. Furlong, Jenny Quigney* 459-8090	NEED VOLUNTER Wendell & Jeannie Miller 692-8425	
Thur. 23	Fred Troutwine* 692-8939 M & L Schweiterman 417-9816 Alan Fourman 692-8635	Sue Stammen 692-0164 Jean Aukerman 692-9922	
Fri. 24	Gene & Nelda Morris 884-5425 Fred Troutwine* 692-8939	John & Shirley Winger 678-7864 Dave Hamlin & Ardis Trigg	Dick & Sharon Troutwine 692-5128 Cheryl Gray 692-8905
Sat. 25	Jim & Barb Deis 662-0119 Carolyn Trump 548-6116	Larry and Annabelle Wallace 620-2800 Rob Lindenborn	Kenny & Holly Daugherty Lynn Trump 409-5966 or 548-6116

\* Will pick up money box at Grand Stand On call: Carolyn Furlong 548-6556 Cell 417-2966

**Trivia from 1947**

**Feb 13** \*Kincaid's Restaurant open all night except Sunday.

\* It seems Harry Chancellor was a jokester. "Last week a little child observed him taking a bundle of kindling wood that had been left outside Sutton's Store by Billy Rice, and not knowing Harry was playing a joke, the little one reported to her mother that Mr. Chancellor had taken a bundle of wood that didn't belong to him.

**Feb. 20** "Orchestra & Dancing Every Saturday Night" Gibson's Grill, 15 N. High S. Arcanum

*This location is currently Miller's Tavern. Prior to that it was called Skagg's Tavern.*

The following entry is on page 112 of the book - *Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852-1968)* by Anita Short. "The tavern underwent a major renovation in 1967 (Skagg's). The exterior was faced with redwood and new hexagon shaped windows replace the plate glass. Inside, the ceilings were lowered and walnut toned paneling was installed."



**Albright Family Connection with UD Church** by Annett Stewart, Sept. 20, 2017 (continued from April newsletter )

Here, in 1836 they met in the family's log house which was east of town by Painter Creek, (not town). In 1840 members built the first log meeting house from the woods on the Albright farm. The floor was puncheon as were the benches (no backs) and tallow candles furnished light. Logs in the fireplace provided heat for the dwelling.

Often they met in the Albright's home, private homes, the log meeting place, or Nealeigh School located 1.7 miles east of Arcanum which would have been on the north side of Alt. 49 East today but before Gordon Landis Road. Years back was the Lenhart farm and today is Betty Sease's farm.

Hearing of the sale of the one room school house in Arcanum located in the area of the present Faith United Methodist Church on East South Street, the small congregation purchased the building which was 25 X 30 ft. and bought for \$600.00 in 1865. The small church soon outgrew this building and tore it down in 1871. A brick church was then built which was 40 X 60 with a high ceiling and cost \$3,000. The church continued forward and was able to have a full time pastor. The congregation continued to show progress in growth and took this down in 1896 and dedicated the new bigger brick church in 1897 at a cost of \$8,000 from gifted money. Three large memorial windows were constructed: One to its first pastor, Rev. Robert Norris; one to Simpson and Mary Albright and another to all pastors up to the time of its construction.

Per the "Arcanum Business Book" by Anita Short we read on page 196 about the following additions: Additional Sunday School rooms were added to the rear of the sanctuary in 1920. In 1937 a four year renovation was undertaken which included a new electric organ, wooden floor installed in the basement, kitchen rebuilt, sanctuary was redecorated along with a few other changes and additions. In 1960 a two floor structure was added at the NE corner of the existing building. Two houses which sat east of the building were removed. A multipurpose addition was added and the Duckwell Classroom was remodeled and foyer enlarged. This was as far as the business book went and we all know the tornado came afterwards in 1992 which resulted in some major damage especially to the roof area. 40 weeks later they were back in the church building for services per the "Arcanum...A Secret Place" account. Reference is also made in the Arcanum Times Newspaper dated 6-4-1959 and 2-4-1960 of these changes.

A couple of questions I have is where did the Albright's "mansion" they referred to sit? On the early map it looks like the right side of the road on Alt. 49 E going out of Arcanum. Someone mentioned the yellow house by the grain bin today that was a two story house at one time. Does anyone have more info on this? Other question is the brick house that used to sit behind Hency's JD Equipment place which might have been a Wenger farm. The house was taken down and bricks were in a pile for quite some time there. There is mention of the log church being across the road (Alt. 49 East) by the bridge and creek on the small piece of land possibly owned by Dick Mathis where the Lions have their sign along the road. Not sure of property line could also go with the Besecker car repair business back the lane.

There are also family names that are the same or similar such as several Philips, Simpson, and Sampson so attention to detail and dates are important for the correct age span and generation.

Numerous accounts are listed in the old newspapers for further research regarding their businesses and ministry as well as relatives associated with the Methodist Church on West South Street and brick mason work. See also the history of "Philip Albright" in the Albright file at the Greenville Public Library, Genealogy Library section. It is interesting that the Philip Albright family line migrated from TN to Preble County and these names are referenced: Tillman of which the Tillman Cemetery in Preble County off Darke Preble-County Line Road is named as well as Sharp and Martin Rice who we are all familiar with concerning his two daughters. One married John Colville and other married William Gunder, Arcanum's Founder.

Of special interest is the chart of the places that made up the circuit of preaching places:

Sampson 3 miles south of Jaysville

Jefferson not called Ft. Jefferson, 5 miles south of Greenville

Pleasant Grove now known as Nashville

Harters was on the site of where the old Calvary Church stood nearly half a mile west of Savona.

West Grove 12 miles east of Greenville on Route #71 (Rt. Today?)

Pittsburg 3 miles east of Arcanum, now called Pittsburg

Gordantown not yet located

Calvary Chapel nearly half a mile west of Savona

Ninevah church dedicated and known as Caylor Chapel

*We have these notes in our "Church" binder as well as photographs and older photographs of the UB Church. Some are digital (laptop). Also detailed info about the UB Church, parsonages and pastors. A genealogy chart of the Albright Family History is included as well as their photos and stone photos of Abbottsville are on the Find A Grave web site.*

**Old Fashioned Days Parade May 19th**

The weather during the parade was great this year. Thanks to Chad Armentrout and Larry Wallace for providing the truck to pull our festive float decorated with red, white, and blue skirting and bunting, as well as old quilts. Riding on the float this year were Jenny Quigney and her granddaughter Kenna Quigney. They were both dressed in period clothing.

**News From The Past 1-5-1933 The Arcanum Times**  
*Town Host Too Many Hoboes During 1932*

According to Marshall Oscar Troxel, the Arcanum jail was used for sleeping quarters by 750 hoboes and unemployed wanderers during the past year. Many nights during the past few months, all available space was occupied in the jail. Under the rules, no one is permitted to stay more than one night. Marshall Troxel has required all of his guest to register and the register books shows many queer signatures.

**On Going Projects**

Aluminum Cans Recycling, Lynn Trump; Hall Rental, Carolyn Furlong; ODOT-Adopt-A-Highway, Jim Deis; Euchre Parties, Dave and Beth Flora; Books about Arcanum's history for sale at AWTHS during open hours, website or contact board members.

2018 Membership Form      Clip and Mail to      AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304

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

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Receive Newsletter by Email? Add email address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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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 would like to help.

___Acquisitions	___Newsletter	___Membership	___Programs	___Ways & Means	___Historic Sites	___Education	___Flower Garden
Care	___Yard Care	___Genealogy	___Publicity	___Displays	___Publications	___Adopt A Highway	
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___Type Research Papers		___Keep Website Updated	___Transfer Acquired Photos & Documents to Laptop				

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**AWTHS Visitors Hours 9 a.m. - Noon    Reference Room 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
1st and 2nd Saturdays of July and August \* 1st Saturday September thru December  
Other times by appointment. Contact 937-417-3746**

**Calendar of Events**

No Board Meeting in July		
Euchre Card Party 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month		1:00 p.m.
July 14, 2018	Coffee and Conversation Session	10:00 a.m.
	Kirby and Lori Sutton and Josh Urlage	
August 7, 2018	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
August 7, 2018	Coffee and Conversation Session	10:00 a.m.
	Pittsburg and F-M School District	
August 17 - 25, 2018	Man the Darke County Fair Gate #3	7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
September 4, 2018	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
September 13, 2018	Membership meeting and Program	7:00 p.m.
	David Hart - Supporting Purple Heart Recipients and Gold Star Families	

**Just A Reminder**

Attend the Coffee and Conversation Sessions, bring memorabilia and share your stories.  
Volunteer to work at the Darke County Fair Gate, maybe more than one time.  
Invite someone to attend the program Sept. 13 .  
Donate gently used Christmas items for the bazaar.  
Volunteer your time for small jobs.