

President's Remarks Jenny Quigney 459-8090

Hello all! I can honestly say the spring that I was looking forward to did not materialize. However, this is where we all are. Due to the Covid-19 state guidelines, activities at the house have been cancelled. When following safe distancing in our meeting room, there would not be space for many people to attend programs. Also, there are other regulations to follow which could be a challenge. That being said we are hopeful that we will be able to open up programs in September so please stay tuned to the web site or facebook.

During this time of Covid-19 and the unrest that has hit our country, I continue to pray for each of you for your health and safety. I can not stress enough how we must remain hopeful and keep our site squarely on the future.

I would like to take this time to thank Dick and Sharon Troutwine along with Jim and Barb Deis for all their work at the house to clean and organize everything. Also, a thank you goes out to Carolyn Furlong, Sharon Troutwine, Joan Rench and Bev Rench for getting our acquisitions organized. By reorganizing Annette Stewart and Rex were able to make better use of the second floor reference library. Also thanks to Lynn Trump for installing a closet rod and fixing the porch chair, and to Bev Rench and Kirk Honeyman for repairing the wrought iron fence. The above-mentioned people have made excellent use of the down time and I appreciate it very much.

Annette has kept AWTHS in the public eye on Facebook during our "down time" through our website and blog section with stories and photos from our digital files. Also, Annette has been posting interesting information on these sites: "Historical Buildings of Darke County Ohio" and also "You must be from Arcanum, Ohio if you remember...". Check out these site, you will enjoy the dialogue shared about the postings.

Once the house is opened again please take the time to check out our new newspaper display of the very early Arcanum Times. It is wonderful to see this project completed. We are grateful to Fred and Carolyn Troutwine for all their work on this project.

Repairs have been made, the house is cleaned and organized and general maintenance is completed so we are ready for the coming months when we can return to some sort of normalcy.

No decision has been made about manning the fair gate this year but as soon as we have a better understanding what that will look like we will be sure to let you know. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy and we hope to see you in person in the fall.

Christmas Bazaar 2020 -Sharon and Richard Troutwine 937-692-5128

As with all AWTHS events this year plans for the Christmas Bazaar will depend on the Covid 19 guidelines at the time. We are accepting items and making plans for what has become a very popular event for the community.

Many great donations for the bazaar have been coming in. Every year we are surprised by the generosity of our members and the community. If you haven't marked your calendar—do so now for Friday, November 27th and Saturday 28th. Please plan to help set-up or help during bazaar hours. Bring family and friends to shop. You never know what treasures you will find.

Old Arcanum Times Newspapers and Display Cabinet Shelves Richard Troutwine 937-692-5128

At last the cabinet shelves for the Arcanum Times have been built and installed by Jason Benedict of DB Cabinets and Construction, Inc., located at 2580 Tillman Rd, Arcanum at a cost of \$2500.00

The two sections hold the Arcanum Times from 1899 through 1970. In addition enough space was available to hold the 1882 Arcanum Tribune and 1893 Arcanum Enterprise as well as two large books of 1964 and 1966 Greenville Daily Advocates, and also two 1910 Darke County Plat Books.

These original newspapers were donated by Anita Short. They are preserved in specially designed books made by member Dave Flora and Jim Hamilton. Each page is in a protective plastic sleeve for easy reading.

Although a large collection, it does not include every page of every published newspaper during those years.

Also, the cabinets adjacent to the new shelving were painted to match.

We are excited to finally have these old newspapers available for the public to come in and read. You will find when researching you will get distracted reading about all what was happening at that time.

Clean Up of Upstairs Reference Library

The upstairs storage-reference library room is organized and cleaned up. We have a few newspapers to go thru and organize yet. Planning to work on this as can, or, during upcoming open hours if you wish to help.

Changes in Schedule

We are hoping to get back on schedule of Open First Saturday Mornings of the Month. Please check our FB page for updates, email us or call. Or by appointment.

Blogs on web site

We hope you are following our web site as many articles and stories are featured on our blog section as well as Facebook. We've covered Depression Cooking, Rationing during WWII, Life on the Olde Homestead, and Farm Days Early 1930's.

Recently Pam Loxley Drake has been submitting work as well. Check out her articles titled "From My Window" and "The Ribs of a Barn".

During the month of May we covered several farm stories of farms and homes that have been preserved during National Historic Preservation Month. One good thing about the web site and blog section is that you can go back and read the articles if you missed them or wish to review them again.

The Clock, Bride and Farm. Info sent to AWTHS by the Strawsers family. Farm photos from AR Winery.

You may wonder what that connection is. Well here is the story.

The Strawsers sent in a photo and story of the old clock that ended up being a wedding gift for Rosella Fourman's daughter, Mary, who was to wed Harvey Ditmer.

If he could get the clock running he received the heirloom as a wedding gift. It worked and he won a bride and a clock.

In researching this family we find Rosella married Joseph Fourman son of Joseph William Fourman. Rosella and Joseph had two children, Mary (our subject) who married Harvey Ditmer and Clara who married Ray Fasick.

Well that explained the Strawsers photos. They also said the Fourman farm was where AR Winery is today.

In working on my Baker Data Base I was entering the address and doing some research when I came across the address of Josiah Baker's farm on Gordan Landis Road. I looked up the number of the winery and a match! The address came from work done by Darryl Delk and his "Fourman book".

In contacting Russel I was able to receive copies of the farm photos that were of the Fourman farm at that time which are hanging in the winery. And in earlier times are the old Josiah Baker born 1824 married to Mary Fourman, their farm.

And since the photo was pretty faded, Tom Pedtke (AWTHS member and Baker Family Group Project Coordinator) touched the photos up and they are much better. They can be viewed on AWTHS FB page.

We hope you enjoy reading these little stories and putting the pieces together of some of our early settlers in this area.

Next time you eat and visit at the winery take a look at those old photos and go back in time to some of the first settlers in Van Buren Township-Fourmans and Bakers.

Written by Annette Stewart 5/2020

Twin Township Trustees Planning Cemetery Work Day

The Twin Township Trustees are planning a cemetery work day at Ithaca Cemetery possibly in September. This entails stone cleaning and some repairs which would be under supervision. Instructions will be given for stone cleaning. Bring empty spray bottles, example Windex Cleaner, which can be filled with approved solution to be used on the stone. It just helps to be in a spray bottle. If you are interested please contact Annette Stewart to be put on a contact list. There are many old stones that need cleaned including the Gunders, Colvilles and other Ithaca people and early settlers of Twin Township

Arcanum Area Military Banners Project 2020 – Sue Besecker, Ron and Shirley Baker

Due to Covid19 diagnosis in our family the Arcanum Area Military Banner Project for 2020 is cancelled for now until further notice. We do plan to continue adding banners of our serviceman and women. We are thankful to the Arcanum Village for hanging the banners along the streets before Memorial Day. They look so nice. It is great to be able to commemorate our veterans and actively serving military in this way.

The GREAT Darke County Fair Bev Rench 937-623-0468

Will it be GREAT this year? As the newsletter goes to press, no final decisions have been made as to what extent there will be a 2020 fair. AWTHS did sign a contract in December 2019 to staff gate #3. At the June AWTHS board meeting, it was decided if there is a Fair, AWTHS will staff the gate, as this is one of our larger fund raisers. Below is the final 2019 schedule. I will contact everyone individually once I am notified by the Fair Board.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact at me 937-623-0468 or bkraz85@gmail.com

2020 Darke County Fair Gate #3 Friday August 21st thru Saturday 29th Schedule

| | 7 am-12noon | 12 noon - 5pm | 5pm - 10-pm |
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| Fri. 21 | Beth & Dave Flora 692-8413 * Deo Miltenberger 678-0185 | Jean Aukerman 692-9922 Sally Sharrett 692-5245 | Connie & Mike Wells 692-8085 Tasha Anderson 937-621-4569 |
| Sat. 22 | Karen & Michael Young 737-0016* | Wallace & Trump 620-2800 548-6116 | Carol & Earl Hightower 692-8875 Bev & Kirk Honeyman 623-0468 |
| Sun.23 | Denise & Jason Trimbale 416-7178 Mike Fout 467-6534 * | Jim & Barb Deis 662-0119 Sally Sharritts 692-5245 | Jerry & Bev Kramer 692-5764 Dick & Sharon Troutwine 692-5128 |
| Mon. 24 | Tom Staley 692-8634 Dave Hamlin & Ardis Trigg 623-8963* | Marilyn Graeff 692-8140 J. Aukerman 692-9922 Jean Munn Hillis 692-5433 | Dick & Sharon & Linda Newbauer 692-5128 417-1166 |
| Tue. 25 | Annette & Rex Stewart 417-3746* | Carolyn Trump 548-6116 J. Colville 417-3344 Linda Riley 564-5023 | Bev Rench & Kirk Honeyman 623-0468 Deo & Pam Furlong 272-8886 |
| Wed. 26 | Lynn & Carolyn Trump* 548-6116 C. Furlong 417-2966 | Lori Harshbarger 760-8381 Brenda Tester 423-2523 Bev Rench 623-0468 | Rose Lambert 623-7333 Mike Schweiderman 417-9816 |
| Thur. 27 | Fred Troutwine* 692-8939 Alan Fourman 692-8635 | Linda Newbauer 417-1166 Jean Aukerman 692-9922 | Cary & Teresa Wogomon 692-5877 |
| Fri. 28 | Gene & Nelda Morris 884-5425 Fred Troutwine* 692-8939 | John & Shirley Winger 678-7864 Dave Hamlin & Ardis Trigg 623-8963 | Dick & Sharon Troutwine 692-5128 Cheryl Gray 423-1549 |
| Sat. 29 | Jim & Barb Deis 662-0119 * | Larry and Annabelle Wallace 620-2800 Jerry & Bev Kramer 692-5764 | Kenny & Holly Daugherty 564-0589 Lynn Trump 409-5966 or 548-6116 |

* Will pick up money box at Grand Stand On call: Bev Rench 937-623-0468

Arcanum Preservation Society, Inc Up Date Despite the interruption of COVID-19, APS has continued to work towards our mission. Meetings, cancelled at first, were moved online to minimize the impact. We received notification we were **awarded our 501(c)3 status** in April. We were also excited, and saddened, to make *Preservation Ohio's* list of **Ohio's Most Endangered Historic Sites for 2020** in June. Both achievements have the potential of opening avenues for preserving our historic Town Hall that may not have previously been available.

The Planning committee continues to work on CAD drawings based on measurements taken before the Stay at Home Order. The Heritage committee has been working on their policies and procedures regarding acquisitions. Finance is waiting to hear back on a grant earmarked for sealing and tuck pointing the brick façade of the building. The Membership committee has been adding new members, which is not easy to do during a pandemic. Like other area organizations, we've seen cancellations of events but have continued planning the *Old Time 4th of July Picnic & Children's Parade* for the community. The Communications, Events & Social Presence committee has also been focusing on technology. In addition to securing a software platform for internal communication and collaboration they are also working on building a website.

APS' monthly member meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and/or Twitter. You can also contact us at arcanumpreservationsociety@gmail.com.

Angela Herron, Committee Chair - Communications, Events & Social Presence Committee

Due to Covid 19 state guidelines July and August activities are cancelled. We hope to resume activities in September. Please check our website for updates.

Board Meetings 1st Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m.

August 21 thur 29 Darke County Fair – staff Gate #3 (Pending Fair Board’s decisions)
September 10 AWTHS membership meeting and program - to be announced 7:00 p.m.

On Going Projects

*Hall Rentals - Carolyn Furlong 548-6556 * Aluminum Recycling - Lynn Trump 548-6116 *
Donation of Appreciated Stocks - Richard Troutwine 692-5128 or Todd Durham, 2nd National Bank, 548-2206 *
Adopt-A-Highway - Jim Deis 662-0119 * Arcanum Books by Anita Short and Bill Gardner for sale at AWTHS, contact a board member, or through our website.*

Gentle Reminder

Pay your 2020 AWTHS dues. ***** Offer to help with the many responsibilities needed to keep AWTHS viable.
Weeds are calling, help keep landscape nice. **** Have you ever helped staff the Fair Gate? Start this year, we need volunteers.

AWTHS Officers

President Jenny Quigney 459-8090
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Arcanum Trivia

Arg Candy Store Leonard Arg, Proprietor

Mr. Arg also known as "Spike" was the owner of what was known as the "Kiddy Train." It first arrived on the streets of Arcanum on April 23, 1960 making its rounds of Arcanum streets and to the park to entertain the children while mommy shopped in the local stores. It was a miniature train and ran on weekends during the summer months with adult supervision at all times.