

Sharing The Secret

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

As I sit here reflecting on the past several months, I feel at a loss of what to report in my remarks. We have been through a really tough time over the past 6 months but that being said, during this time of shut down various members have strived to creativity keep everyone informed of the history of our area through the web site, facebook and Vickie Rhodelhamel's column in the Greenville Advocate. I would like to express my thanks to all involved for these efforts.

Since the Darke County Junior Fair was the only part of the fair held this year we were not needed to staff gate #3. Manning the fair gate is a main fundraiser for us. Our annual income will be down some this year.

As schools have reopened and we can once again return to church, things seem to be looking up and for that I am very grateful. With that in mind we will open the house for membership meetings, programs and Saturday Visitors Open Hours. Also, we are going forward with plans for our Annual Christmas Bazaar all while following safety mandates.

At this time we currently have \$16,523.64 in our checking account.

As we head into fall I am hopeful that all of you are in good health and coping with our new normal, and I hope to see each of you soon.

November 12th ***Program*** 7:00 p.m.

Winston Brumbaugh - Brumbaugh Fruit and Fun Farm

Please come to our November 12th meeting and hear Winston tell all about his many jobs as owner of Brumbaugh Fruit and Fun Farm. What started as a small orchard in 1960, Winston and his wife Jeanie have turned it into a diverse family operation. We'll be sure to save time for you to ask questions about the market and the bakery, the many varieties of apples and peaches, cider, pumpkin patch, corn maze, and all the fun activities on the farm.

AWTHS Officers

President	Jenny Quigney	459-8090
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History of Arcanum Books *Great Christmas Gifts

The Secret Town - The Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio and William Gunder Family \$20

Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852-1968) \$25

Arcanum Chronicles Includes - Opera House, Sports, Parades & Celebrations, Brig. Gen. Ed Sigerfoos, Grassville Quartette, Christmas, Chautauqua, Fast Horses, District 7 Ithaca School \$20

Arcanum Chronicles Volume 2 - History of Fire Department and Arcanum Public Library \$18

Purchase books at AWTHS during open hours, website, or contact board members

New Park Benches

The two park benches AWTHS purchased through Darke County Soil Waste Management District which are made from bottle caps have been delivered and are in place in Veterans Park adjacent to the historical society. Our name is etched on each bench. Thanks to Theresa Wogomon for painting the letters black so they are more visible. The benches are a nice addition to the park - they look great.

Pandemic Memories for the Future

As members of the historical society our mission is to preserve our history. This is the time to write our own stories of how it was to live through the historic Covid-19 pandemic. Preserve what your own family endured during this challenging time when schools, churches and businesses were closed and few people could attend funerals of their loved ones. Even if it is only saving newspaper and magazine articles. Record the answer to the questions which your grandchildren and great grandchildren will someday ask.

Christmas Bazaar Richard and Sharon Troutwine 937-692-5128

Friday	Nov. 27 th	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	Nov. 28 th	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

We hope to be able to sponsor our 2020 Christmas Bazaar for the community as planned. We will, of course, need to implement many safety practices: encourage a wearing mask, social distancing, and providing hand sanitizer as shoppers enter and depart. We will cancel the Baked Goods, Door Prizes and the In-House Raffle. We feel we could safely have the 50-50 Raffle as most tickets are pre-sold. We would use walkie talkies to limit the number of shoppers to 15-20 people at a time. All shoppers would enter through the front porch door and pay and exit through the back entrance. Our Free Room would again be available only on Saturday but it would be located on the stage at Veterans Park. We want to have our Annual Christmas Bazaar but only if we've followed every safety precaution. A very special thank-you to everyone in the community for all of the fantastic donations that have been given to AWTHS for the bazaar.

A New Display

Look for the new display in the Conference room. It is titled "Kitchen Tools & Gadgets". Take a look - are there any tools you haven't seen before? Also, please note the carved and painted figures, they were crafted at Neff Woodcrafts, an Arcanum Business. They were purchased in Dayton and mailed to us by Diane Minnich. Thank you to everyone who donated the items in this display.

Thank You

Bev Renchloaned AWTHS a very lovely wood and glass 3-shelved display piece. We plan to use it to showcase special Christmas decorations for the Bazaar. It is located in the entry room. We also appreciated Tom Jones, Jim Deis, and Dick Troutwine for moving & organizing our display cases.

Thank you to Liz Stephens for her loan of a large wooden hand-made toy steamshovel. It was displayed on the top of case D for quite sometime and it has now been returned.

*** AWTHS House Rentals Resume ***

Our house is ready to rent once again. We will try to begin with December rentals..Make reservations by calling Carolyn Furlong, 937-548-6556. The fee is \$75.00 with the renter getting the key the day before the rental. Starting in January the fee will be \$100.

Visitors Open House Hours Begin Again * First Saturday of the Month Beginning in November

AWTHS will be open to view displays, also to use the library for casual reading local history as well as for research. List of materials available to read and for research can be found at our website, awths.org. Also take time to read original old newspapers: Arcanum Times from 1899 through 1970, 1882 Arcanum Tribune, 1893 Arcanum Enterprise, 1964 and 1966 Greenville Daily Advocates, and also two 1910 Darke County Plat Books.

Southern Darke County History Annette Stewart 937-417-3746

In spite of the covid restrictions, I've continued to meet with several researchers one on one this summer. There has been numerous questions coming in thru email as well as messenger on FB.

Different post about a variety of subjects are posted and good discussion has followed. One was about the Weisenbarger Building fire on George Street. Another post involved the old treadle sewing machine and many went down memory lane talking about their grandma's sewing on one or learning to sew themselves. Some still have the antique piece cherished from a family member.

I encourage you to get on the internet and look at our web site pertaining to the blog articles. Most recent ones include: Horse Racing in the area and Race Tracks, The Grange Building (our AWTHS home), Bear's Mill and the Stoltz family, and Pam Loxley Drake's article "We Didn't Know". www.arths.org.

If you follow Facebook the blogs are also listed there. Our most recent project was doing video clips around Arcanum about memories by Cary Wogoman and Mike Fout. David Baker did the video part and prepared them to share by internet. We have memories and stories about the Ivester House, Cook's Grocery, George Street, Brownies and the blacksmith across from AWTHS and the old Times building. More to come!

Acquisitions- Carolyn Furlong 937-548-6556

17107	Guest Book signed by 1 st guests of AWTHS	Carolyn Furlong
20020	Family Pictures	Sharon Karns
20021	Paper container- from Fox Pharmacy, Ad. Mirror & Pen- Casual Beauty Shop	?
20022	Framed Oath of Office plaque & picture of Post Master- Arcanum of Freddie Murphy	?
20023	O.F.D. photos of parade	?
20024	Adv. Article	?
20025	Old Book (Falling Apart) Ancient World, green with black spine	?
20100	Advertising – Aluminum Foundry tape measure	Carolyn (Trentine) Hollinger
20101	Church photo – Ninevah Van Buren Twp.	Joan Rench
20102	Fox Pharmacy sign & Scrap Book	Stump Family
20103	Flowered Plate from JS Hoffman Dealer in Furniture in Arcanum	Joan Rench
20104	Darke Co. fan, old newspaper & magazines (not in our area)	Marilyn Graeff
20105	Post Cards of Arcanum Landmarks	Michael Scheiding
20106	Photo, Business Card, News Paper Clipping, Tape Measure of Arcanum Aluminum Foundry	Carolyn (Trentine) Hollinger
20107	Metal Cup, 5 small photos (one says Annabelle Campbell-North St. All found in old Arcanum school on E. South St. (white plate was broken, could not keep)	Kathy Peason
20108	Book, by Gr., Gr. Grandson L. F. Carter “in love and fidelity - George Sprecher Civil War Letter” G. Sprecher was an Arcanum resident	Larry F. Carter
20110	2 Wood Carvings made by Richard K. Neff, Farmer & Wood Carver At Neff Woodcrafts, Arcanum business	Diane Minnich
20111	Arcanum Elementary School Handbook 2003, & Hency’s Adv. Food Strainer	?
20112	Mabel Clark audio CD	?
20113	Photos of Opera House with descriptions by Anita Short	JoAnne Hill
20114	American Flag	?
20115	Arcanum Lanes black bowling towel	?
20116	1976 Richard Patterson Calendar – advertising	Carolyn Furlong
20117	Arcanum Fire Dept. Articles	?
20118	Arcanum 2002 Arcette (This is a duplicate, it will be sold)	?
20119	Little League Baseball Team Photos, Erdman Hardware Teams	Eldon Erdman

Thank You Troop 185

Sincere thanksto Arcanum Troop 185 for re-staining the shed. Working together were Nathaniel Davis, Garrett Rose and Sean Trogdon along with Scoutmaster Robert Stubbs and Ass. Scoutmaster Dean Davis. The Scouts were happy to help the historical society with the project especially when they learned a former Scout, Jake Armstrong, built the shed as his Eagle Project in 2011. The Scouts did a great job!

They are willing to help us on other projects when needed.

Thanks to Jim Deis for preparing the shed for staining and gathering all supplies needed.

2020 Trash Bash- in the History Books

After being delayed since April, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Darke County Solid Waste Management District held the annual Trash Bash Sept. 12. Fifteen AWTHS members and friends made up 5 teams, with each team receiving \$75 for cleaning up their assigned 2 mile area. These monies added \$375 to this year’s fundraising profits Those helping were: Mary Bolyard, Monte Clark, Barb Deis, Alan Fourman, Mike Fout, Charlie Harris, Jim Hill, Kirk Honeyman, David Kepler, Bev Rench, Tom Riegle, Dick Troutwine, Fred Troutwine, Joe & Jenny Quigney, Connie & Mike Wells and Anna Wetzel. Thanks to Jim Deis for overseeing this event for AWTHS.

Women's Right to Vote **** 1920 Ratification of the 19th AmendmentSuffrage Slogan : Forward through the Darkness, Forward into Light

September 2, 1920 Arcanum Times "Getting Onto The Game"

Since the passage of the Amendment to the U.S. constitution granting suffrage to women, some of the feminine citizens of Arcanum are wading into politics with a zest. In a conversation between two ladies which was overheard on the street Saturday evening one was heard to remark: "I certainly am going to vote dry at his election". Her companion, who was evidently of the same political faith, agreed with her and added: "And I'll not vote for a man who says 35 cents is enough for a bushel of wheat." The Chinese puzzle: Who will get their votes?

September 9, 1920 Arcanum Times "Arcanum Women May Vote Sept. 20"

They (women) will be privileged to cast their first ballot on September 20, when the matter of a bond issue for a fire truck comes before the voters.---- As a rule it is the women who suffer most from fires and better fire protection and more modern firefighting equipment will appeal strongly to them.

November 4, 1920 Arcanum Times "Fire Truck Bond Issue Carries by Big Majority"

The newly enfranchised women voters had no small part in making the decision so strong for the bond issue, fully fifty percent of the votes cast being voted by the women.

November 4, 1920 "Women Voters Take Honors at Election"

Running true to form and upholding the reputation of always getting the first and last word in every argument, Arcanum women in the election Tuesday cast both the first and last vote.

Mrs. Harry Kester took the honor of casting the first vote in town, getting her vote into the boxes at 5:45 a.m. at a time when many male voters in Arcanum had made their first turn over preparatory to arising from the night's sleep. Mrs. D. E. Etzler cast the last vote.

There was some doubt about the number of votes that would be cast by the women, but at the election Tuesday it was clearly demonstrated that they are just as interested in the results as the men, the normal vote of the town being practically doubled. Another surprise to the men voters was the intelligent way in which the women went about voting, one election official estimating that fewer women votes were thrown out than men.

Early Wooden Voting Box

A wooden voting box was recently donated to us by the Village Administration. It was found in the old City Hall and Opera House when village employees and Arcanum Preservation Society members were clearing out the last of the records and other village belongings, moving them to the new municipal building. This is an exciting find especially on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Women Suffrage. Could this be the voting box into which Mrs. Etzler or Mrs. Kester dropped their ballot?

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Arcanum Preservation Society – Update by Angela Herron, Communications Chair

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Arcanum Preservation Society, Inc. is excited to announce that our new website is live making it possible to join online (www.arcanumpreservationsociety.com). There are links to our social media pages (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) as well as our events and calendar. Our 1st annual *Old Time 4th of July Picnic & Children's Parade*, held on July 4th at Ivester Park, was a success. We're already looking forward to next year's event. We hope you'll mark your calendar and plan to join us. **APS** turned a year old in July (18th). It's hard to believe that it's been a year already. We recently established the Historic Arcanum Town Hall & Opera House as a geocache location. Geocaching is the world's largest treasure hunt (www.geocaching.com). This world-wide phenomenon is a wonderful, family-friendly way to get outside and active. We are also working on getting it established as a *Pokemon Go* stop. *Pokemon Go* (www.pokemongo.com) is a popular interactive game that also gets people active while having fun.

APS was pleased to be part of the 2020 Ohio Open Doors September 19th at the Historic Arcanum Town Hall & Opera House. The event, sponsored by **Ohio History Connection**, was advertised on a statewide level. Tours were held virtually and in-person. The virtual tour was available on website (www.ohiohistory.com/ood) and the new **Arcanum Preservation Society** website (www.arcanumpreservationsociety.com).

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 contact us at arcanumpreservationsociety@gmail.com.

1920 November and December Christmas Newspaper Ads

Looking through original 1920 Arcanum Times, which are available to read at AWTHS, these Christmas ads really stood out; some for being unique, some are funny, others are way too practical.

M.L. Weisenbarger Company (Dept. Store) at 16 W. George St. ran a 4 page ad. The uniqueness of this ad is that all four pages were printed in green ink.

“Yuletide Carnival Jubilee of Holiday Bargains”

Furniture – The Practical Gift

*Christmas Time is Here Again – The Happiest Season of the Year
Here You Will Find Many Articles to Solve the Gift Problem!*

Koch & Stutz Furniture ---- Undertaking

Buy the newly weds a sewing machine. The Hoover will make an ideal Gift \$52 to \$65 -- tools \$15

What To Buy 1920

Make Your Xmas Money go Farther at Shepherd and Swartzel Hardware Stores

Useful & Practical Xmas Gifts

Remember we make our Copper Wash Boilers and Lard Cans (AWTHS’s remark – just what every wife wants)

John Smith Company

“Bring the children to Toyland”

The Doll Family is Mighty Large in our Toy Dept. The assemblage of dollies at this store is large enough to make the heart of every little heart beat with joy.

**There are large dolls, medium sized dolls, unbreakable dolls, kid body dolls and stately dressed dolls with beautiful hair, and eyes that close in dreamy slumber. Priced from 19 cents up to \$10.00*

Houk and Miller Hardware

“Oh Daddy!”

“Have you seen the beautiful Pyrex Ware at Houk and Miller?”

I just know that Mother would be delighted with some of it for her Christmas present.

Farmers National Bank (We don’t sell Christmas articles)

“Buy the best gift you can - give your boy and girl a bank deposit book in their own name. Teach them to bank their money and in a few years they will thank you for putting them on the thrifty road. With a dollar or five dollars or more - watch with them how the interest grows”.

Abe Bloom’s Walk Over Boot Shop

Holiday Headquarters

Remember,, My entire stock of shoes consisting of the best makes in the country, have been reduced from \$2 to \$3 a pair.

2021 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 _____

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 \$ _____

Please check the area where you would like to help.

Acquisitions Newsletter Membership Programs Ways & Means Historic Sites Education

Flower Beds Care Yard Care Publicity Publications Adopt A Highway Displays

Help Reference Librarian Genealogy Type Research Papers Christmas Bazaar

Serve as Host/Hostess during Open Hours Provide Refreshments for Membership Meetings

Calendar of Events

<u>Open House Hours</u>	First Saturday of the Month- Beginning in November Make an appointment – email awths@awths.org	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Euchre Parties 1 st and 3 rd Friday of each month (canceled until further notice)		1:00 p.m.
Board Meetings 1 st Tuesday of the month		7:00 p.m.
November 12, 2020	Program: Winston Brumbaugh	7:00 p.m.
November 13–25, 2020	Set up for Bazaar	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
November 27, 2020	Christmas Bazaar	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
November 28, 2020	Christmas Bazaar	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
November 30, 2020	Box up and clean up after Bazaar	9:00 a.m.

*Merry Christmas ***** Have a Wonderful New Year*

All 2021 Membership fees are due January 1st

January 14, 2020 Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers **6:30 p.m.**
Be our guest at our pizza dinner.

Gentle Reminder

Bring a friend with you to hear Winston Baumbaugh, November 12th.
Donate gently used Christmas items for Christmas Bazaar.
Help staff Christmas Bazaar.
Purchase an Arcanum Book for a Christmas gift.
Pay your 2021 AWTHS dues.
Invite someone to become a AWTHS member.
Volunteer to help on one of the many committees which keep AWTHS viable.
Always Shop Locally!