

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

Here we go again, another year has come and gone and a new one will begin in just a few weeks. So ready or not 2024 here we come. So many possibilities are on the horizon for each of us. I would however like to take the time to update you on all the activities that happened in our organization this past fall and early winter.

In August we completed yet another year manning gate 3 at the fairgrounds and I know that Bev Rench has devoted a lot of time making sure that each slot was filled and also to each of you that help with this fundraiser, please know that we can not do this without all your help. So, thank you to each and every one of you. Annette Stewart gave an excellent program in September on the Pittsburg Business History. She put in a lot of research for this program and it was very well attended. Thanks Annette for your help. In October we began to prepare for the Christmas Bazaar that is held in November. I would like to thank Dick and Sharon Troutwine for once again coordinating this event. This is a huge undertaking and I appreciate the time that these two individuals put into the project. The number of monies realized from the bazaar will be noted in other articles in the newsletter. There are many members that help with bringing the items down from upstairs and unpacking the boxes. The displays were great. The bake sale was filled with many yummy cookies, pies and fudge. Thank you goes out to all the members that helped with the behind the scenes and during the hours that we were opened. We continue to be blessed from our community with all the donations and those donations go a long way in helping to keep our organization operational. I would also like to thank Fred and Dick Troutwine for preparing the stage for the Christmas season and to Cary and Teresa Wogoman for installing our display in the park for the Christmas light event.

As we prepare for our pizza party in January, we would also like to acknowledge all the volunteers that have helped with our projects throughout the past year. There have also been a lot of people that have helped with the maintenance of the house over the past year. For instance, this past year we have had to replace a part of the roof in the back. Thanks to Fred Troutwine for helping to coordinate this repair and thanks to Jim Deis for helping to coordinate the trimming and cutting down the tree in front of the Veterans stage. This past year we also had the veterans stage repaired, the stairs replaced and painted. This organization would not exist without everyone's help. So, simply thank you to all of you that put in that little bit of extra time.

I would like to thank the AWTHS Officers Dick Troutwine, David Kepler and Connie Wells along with the directors Carolyn Furlong, David Hayes, Cary Wogomon, Joyce Colville, Jim Deis and Fred Troutwine for all your time donated to this organization. Also, a huge thank you to Sharon Troutwine and Barb Deis for your valuable input at our board meetings. Thank you for all you do.

As I close, I would like to take the time to extend my wishes and best blessings to each and every one of you. Go forward into 2024 with high hopes and expectations.

**January 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers**

Join us for pizza and salads provided by AWTHS and board members at 6:30 p.m. A brief meeting will be held to recap the past year. An invitation is also extended to non-members who have helped at the fair gate, trash bash, Christmas Bazaar in 2023 and other special guests. Your help is greatly appreciated! You are appreciated!

**March 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Dayton \* Union Railroad: Continuing the Story**

**Presenter: From Brookville, Ohio, Todd Clemmons is the author of  
"The Rails and Tales of the Dayton & Union Railroad: The Early Years.**

Todd Clemmons returns to the AWTHS to share information compiled in his most recent book on the early history of the Dayton & Union Railroad. AWTHS was integral in helping Todd research through their archived newspapers and connections in Darke County. The book is nicely done with photos, histories, and stories with "Arcanum" mentioned throughout the book.

**April 20 2 – 4 pm**  
**April 11 7:00**

**AHS Alumni Weekend Closed Saturday April 6**  
**Darke County Center for the Arts Featuring Duo "Wild Carrots**  
Purchase \$15 tickets - DCCA or Fourman's Variety Store

**April 20 8:30 a.m.**

**Darke County Solid Waste District Trash Bash**

**Mark your calendar for this special program** May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Presenter: Kelli Bergheimer, writer, teacher, editor and international genealogical speaker.**

Kelli Bergheimer is director of Curriculum and Assessments for Blue Kayak, a K-12 textbook company and Director of Education for “Your DNA Guide”. During Kelli presentation she will focus on DNA and Research.

**Acquisitions** Sharon Troutwine 937-692-5128

23023	Netzley Family	Carroll Thompson given by Judy Ulrich
23024	Misc. Monroe High School	Sarver Family & Judy Ulrich
23025	Pressler’s binder (Family Maps of Darke County)	Judy Gromley
23026	Troutwine Auto Spatula	Rick Hunt
23027	Two Troutwine Auto Key Chains	Tyler Roberts and Drew Huffgarden
23028	1920 Pittsburg Ledger	Ron Printz
23029	Arcanum Book “A Secret Place “/ 2 Pictures of Chris Kollmeyer Barn, Troutwine Auto Yard Stick, Troutwine license plate frame	Eric VanHoose
23030	Frazee Family History	Linda Riley
23031	2023 Fair Book	Dick Troutwine
23032	1992 Tornado Issue, War Ration Book, 1916 Columbus Newspaper	Carol Weisenbarger Collection
23033	2 Fans: American Farm Center and Stutz & Sando	Joan Rench
23034	Virgil Royer Pencil	Joan Rench
23035	Christmas Carols Songbook	Joan Rench
23036	Rosser Collection, Rosser Slides	Marilyn Rosser Strickler
23037	Cup – Arcanum Federal Savings & Loan	Rae Ann Smith
23038	Arc. Building & Loan Liberty Bell Bank	Joan Rench
23039	Calendars, Advertising & Franklin Monroe School items collection	Ron Scammahorn
23040	Ledger of Jacob Lowden Slager	Phyllis Crick
23041	Hand Painted Ornament by Chuck Weidner	Jack & Deb Bechtol
23042	Scrapbook of Charlene Bridenatine, Locke, Olwine	John Roll
23043	Harold Rosser Pictures	Marilyn Rosser Strickler
23044	Photos of Pittsburg	Bruce Stoltz
23045	DVD of FM School Demolition	Bruce Shank
23046	2 Bank Bags – Arc. Nat. Bank & Greenville Nat. Bank	Carol Hightower
23047	3 Framed Advertising Pictures - Buggies by S.E. Minnich, Star Made Player Pianos, Baker’s Garage	Jack & Jenny Clark
23048	Arc. Post Office Sign – 1920	Liz Stephen
23049	E.U.B. Cup 1962, Coles Sohio Ball Point Pen, Beseckers Elevator Pencil	Joan Rench
23050	Bag of Books, Pictures, Newspapers, & clippings	Charlene DeJong
23051	Green Glass “Home of Buck-Eyes” 7-up Bottle	?

**Membership**

January is the time to renew your AWTHS membership. Simply fill out the form on page 4 in this newsletter and mail to our treasurer David Kepler at AWTHS, PO Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304. We appreciate your renewals.

Your memberships are important for an organization’s firm foundation, and, for our growth to continue AWTHS’ mission. ***“To collect, preserve and foster an appreciation for our past and promote an interest and knowledge of past historical events for citizens of all ages, which may act as a foundation for future generations and instill a sense of pride in local”***

**Farewell** It is with sadness that we report the passing of lifetime member, Sam Brubaker. Our condolences to his family.

**AWTHS Officers**

President	Jenny Quigney	459-8090
Vice President	Dick Troutwine	692-5128
Treasurer	David Kepler	692-5903
Secretary	Connie Wells	692-8085

**Directors**

Carolyn Furlong	548-6556	Joyce Colville	692-8685
David Hayes	545-9507	Jim Deis	662-0119
Cary Wogomon	623-5857	Fred Troutwine	692-8939

## Young Hotel

This article on the Young family of Pittsburg and Pittsburg Hotel was researched and written by Carolyn Stutz Temte who was a past resident of Pittsburg and has helped us research Pittsburg for our recent "Pittsburg Businesses" program.

I researched Google books, Books out of print, The New York Public Library, Library of Congress and various histories of Darke county. This is paraphrased into my words.

### Young Hotel

In 1888 Jacob B Young purchased a lot with a residence and store building in Pittsburg. Jacob opened a store. Later Jacob saw the need of a hotel and livery business. After twelve years (1890) Jacob sold the mercantile and kept the hotel and livery business. Five years after Jacob sold the mercantile business a fire destroyed the store and the hotel. In the spring of 1906 he built a white pressed brick two story hotel with a water system. The hotel also had a large basement. Jacob ran the business until his death July 11, 1910. His widow then ran the business until she died Nov 29, 1913. Both are buried in Abbottsville. Jacob's son, William who worked with his father, started his own mercantile and took over the hotel. William built a residence extending east and west on South Street. It too had a water system. William was a stockholder in The First National Bank which was promoted in 1909. William and his wife had one son, Ray. Ray and his wife, Evell, became the owners of the restaurant. They lived in the house next to the doctor. William and Mary Young and Evell and Ray Young are buried in Abbottsville with Jacob and wife.

I believe Charles Delk, a very popular contractor in Pittsburg was the builder along with Jacob Young of the hotel after it was destroyed by fire. Charles Delk built a house on the corner of Baker and Oaks Streets. The house had a full basement, slate roof, a water system, as well as a cistern to supply water and a hot air heat system I think this is the house where the Woodrows lived. It is katty cornered from where we lived. The Delks moved to the Hotel Pittsburg (which I think was the Young Hotel) in 1914. Mrs. Ella Delk ran the hotel and Charles worked as a contractor. Mr. Delk died in 1922.

Per Joseph's obit, he also ran a general store along with the hotel. His wife's name was Martha. There is a family burial plot in Abbottsville Cemetery.

Joseph Young Family (W K father)

1. Charles died in 1904 maybe by suicide Abbottsville cemetery
2. William K
3. Cora wife of Allen Spittler
4. John lived in Kansas City
5. Jacob C blinded in an explosion in Colorado became a Pittsburg businessman
6. Mary married William North and lived in Pittsburg
7. Joseph B a local farmer around Pittsburg
8. Levi died at three yrs of age Abbottsville cemetery
9. Jesse Howard died at 19 buried in Abbottsville
10. Ira Oscar died at 43 buried at Abbottsville

We believe Jacob C had a store selling tobacco products and candy in Pittsburg. It was called Clint Young's Old Goldminer's Cigar Store. We're not sure of the location. Photo is in the 1976 Pittsburg publication.

The following was a combination of findings and writings from Carolyn and Annette Stewart. Richard Emery also supplied us with numerous newspaper articles, photos and ads.

William K Young Family

W K Young's house was on the corner of Jefferson and South in Pittsburg. Per the postcard, it is says it is the business and residence of the general store. Wife's name was Catherine and they had one son, Ray who partnered with his father in the general store and eggs and poultry business. There are many ads as well as some early photos of their business which was on the corner of Jefferson and South Street. They were in the grocery business for 30 years before getting into the poultry and egg business according to one newspaper article.

**William's son was Ray and wife Evell. Had one daughter, Betty Whitacre. Ray (per newspaper article) worked 16 years in the restaurant business and we know he had the Blue Top Restaurant on Jefferson Street. In 1956 he retired and died in 1964 at 72 years of age. Family buried in family plot in Abbottsville.**

Awths has information and photos in our archives in the Pittsburg binder. Old photos of hotel and the Young's including WK Young store are on the awths.org web site under blogs. <https://awths.org/2023/09/young-family-of-pittsburg/>

2023 Christmas Bazaar Report

Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway. With your help, we had another successful Christmas Bazar. The people of the community look so forward to this special community event.

Our 50/50 Raffle Winners were Paula Marker- \$200.00, Larry Wetzel - \$ 140, and Michael Scott \$80. Door Prize winners were Linda Jackson - Ceramic Tree; Diana Shaffer- 3 Santa Ornaments; Mandy Tagermeyer - a Cherished Teddy; Melinda Quinn - Stocking Hanger; and Holly Daugherty - Christmas Music Box. We congratulate all of our winners. The total income from the Bazaar was \$2949.00. Again, thank you so much for helping, for shopping, and for all the great donations.

AWTHS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2004-2024 Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society – The Beginning

This article written by then President Keith Furlong appeared in the first issue of our newsletter January 2005.

Nearly a year ago, a small group of individuals met to discuss the possibility and viability of forming a historical society, an idea that was briefly discussed in February 1999. After several more meetings and with the encouragement of friends from Montgomery County, we decided to give it a try. As the saying goes, “trying and failing is preferable to failing to try.” On June 15, 2004, we became incorporated as the Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society, Inc.

The Society met for several months at the Arcanum PublicLibrary. In August 2004 the Wayne Trail Grange hall came on the market, a perfect place to house the Society. Our initial offer was rejected. On October 7, 2004, we were successful in purchasing the building at public auction for \$22,000. On November 24, 2004, we closed the deal. I would like to thank all of you who have committed the financial resources, time, and talents to make this purchase a possibility, going from nothing to owning our own building within eight months. We have 84 members. There will be more on this later from the membership committee.

At the auction we spent \$942 for all of the wood chairs and metal folding chairs that have advertising names written on them, as well as silver, W.R.C. dinnerware, a small bathtub, a sign, etc.

The building was paid for and insured by donations, memberships, and fund raising.

The full article can be read on our website, AWTHS.org, click on publications then newsletter January 2005, Volume 1 Issue 1.

Monthly Events

Open House Hours First Saturday of the Month (Closed April 6) 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

To make an appointment - Annette Stewart awthresearch@gmail.com

Euchre Parties 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month 1:00 p.m.

Board Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m.

2023 Membership Form	2024 Membership Dues	January 1st
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 Garden Care ___ Yard Care ___ Publicity ___ Publications ___ Adopt A Highway ___ Displays	
___ Help Reference Librarian ___ Genealogy ___ Type Research Papers ___ Serve as Host/Hostess during Open Hours	___ Christmas Bazaar ___ Organize Refreshments for Membership Meetings ___ Monthly Keeper of the House	