

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

Hello everyone. We kicked off the first of the year by holding our annual pizza dinner in January. This dinner includes members and those in the community who helped with our fundraisers during the previous year. These people are an essential part of our organization, due to their help we were and are able to hold our fundraisers and for that we are very appreciative. At this meeting we also voted on the new year's officers with myself being President and Dick Troutwine as Vice President. The Secretary is Connie Wells and David Kepler is the treasurer. The Board members include: Carolyn Furlong, David Hayes, Cary Wogomon, Joyce Colville, Jim Deis, and Fred Troutwine. If during the year you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with one of the officers and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have.

March came in like a lamb, however it came roaring through at our membership meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Todd Clemmons was here to provide us with insight into the making and printing his book on the D & U Railroads. The meeting was well attended but the weather at the end of the evening was a bit unexpected, I am pleased that everyone was able to leave and get home without any incidents. We were lucky that evening but some were not and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

We have many events coming up so be sure to check out the rest of the newsletter for the dates and times. AWTHS started our 2024 fundraising events off in April with the Trash Bash. Thanks goes out to Jim Deis for organizing this event. The next fundraiser is in August with members and friends manning gate #3 at the Great Darke County Fair. Thanks to Bev Rensch for coordinating workers to fill the schedule.

As we spring forward, I would like to remind everyone to check out the rest of the newsletter for the dates and times of any upcoming events. Have a safe and happy spring and I hope to see each of you at our meetings and other events.

**Upcoming Events \*\*\*\*\* AWTHS Programs are Free and Open to the Public****May 9 7:00 p.m.****Presenter: Kelli Bergheimer, writer, teacher, editor and international genealogical speaker.**

AWTHS and Darke County Genealogy Society is partnering to bring Kelli Bergheimer to Darke County.

Have you ever traced your family through various types of migration? Come hear the story of the Calderwoods and Robesons, from Scotland through Pennsylvania, floating down the Ohio River to Cincinnati, living a few years in Dayton, and then to "The Beach" in Darke County. Come and hear one family's migration story and their impact in shaping the early history of Darke County.

Ms. Bergheimer is director of Curriculum and Assessments for Blue Kayak, a K-12 textbook company and Director of Education for "Your DNA Guide". We are very fortunate to have Ms. Bergheimer share her research expertise and her art of storytelling. Join us for what promises to be a very interesting evening.

**Commemorating AWTHS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Prior to this evening's program Dick Troutwine will give a brief account of some of the restorations of the first floor.

**June 21 Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure AWTHS Open House Noon – 5:00**

The week-long Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure will begin in Eaton June 15. Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> the GOBA riders will be arriving in Arcanum after 11:00 a.m. to spend the day. Many will be camping overnight in Ivester Park before completing their adventure back to Eaton. The village is coordinating activities for the riders while they are here. A display is planned commemorating the history of AWTHS while highlighting Arcanum's history and its people.

**September 12 7:00 p.m.****"The Perilous Road to the Treaty of Greenville"****Presenter: Mike Wells**

Mike Wells will trace his ancestors' journey from Maryland to the Kentucky frontier in the 1790s. He will discuss the conditions of everyday life on the frontier and the dangers that led to his family's unique connection to the historic signing of the Treaty of Greene Ville in 1795.

**Commemorating AWTHS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Prior to this evening's program Annette Stewart will give a brief narrative of the Research and Genealogy Library.

*This event is being planned in conjunction with the Ohio Open Doors program.*

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

24000	Wm Rosser Journal 1797 – 1871	
24001	Biology Workbook (Drawing & Notes) AHS 1922 – Bowlaha Burke	
24002	Fair book 1983	Charles Lange
24003	Fair Books 1981, 2016, 1997	Charles Lange
24004	1949 Falcon Yr. Book Class 49	?
24005	Beaver Creek Chronicles	Annette Stewart
24006	Bottle/ Arcanum Bottling Works	Robin Harrison
24007	Orange Journal 1936-37 Arc. High School Annual	Mary Ann Nicole
24008	Baseball Picture Monroe High School	Martha Brown
24009	Program Notes ( from Brenda’s Talk “A Tale of Two Civil War Veterans”)	Brenda Arnette
24010	Old picture of Dewitte Hornady 2 Sale Bills- Gale & Jewell Good 1979 & Beulah Stump 1978 History Darke County Booklet	Charlene Jeong
24011	Token worth \$1.00 for Shopping in Arcanum 1950-1960	Tom Staley
24012	1986, 1998, 2000, 2006, 2011, 2017 Darke County Plat Directories	Joan Rench
24013	1992 Newspaper Booklet “Tornado One Year Later”, 2 clippings of Chancellors Brothers	Jerry Higgers
24014	2 boards from Gordon, town named after him, one board from his house, one board from his barn	Mike Stump
24015	Holy Bible 1836/Darke County	Charlene Jeong
24016	1949 Arc High School Class picture, 1949 AHS Diploma, 1891 Sunday School Lessons, 1866 Calendar Notebook	Charlene Jeong
24017	6 Old Kids Books, 1999 book “Arcanum...A Secret Place”	Charlene Jeong
24018	Cook Book (Covington), Old Picture 1919 Students, Huffs Speed Catalog (Eaton), Picture of Sam Hatt (from Arcanum) 4 Musical Song Scores, Music Book 1851, 1950 Ad Booklet, Sale Bill 1962, old News Papers Articles.	?
24019	2 Pictures old barn building left from Primer Farms	?

**June, July and August****Farmers Market at Veterans Park, George Street Each Saturday 9:00 to Noon**

No registration or fee is required. Contact Sharon Troutwine, 937-692-5128 for more information.

**AWTHS 2004-2024 \* A Look Back 20 Years**

After purchasing the Arcanum Wayne Trail Grange #2647 building work began to restore the 1894 structure and the lawn took on a different look also.

2006 Iron fencing along the new north flower bed was donated by Mike and Connie Payne. The fence was originally on the property of the old Arcanum School located on East South Street.

2006 A huge urn along with two small wrought iron chairs and table were added to the west lawn.

2006 Veterans Memorial Park adjacent AWTHS was acquired from Arcanum Area Business Association.

2007 Arcanum Garden Club made a generous donation enabling AWTHS to plant a Bay Magnolia tree in the east corner of the north flower bed. Also as part of the club’s gift a white distressed iron bench with two matching flower stands was placed on the west lawn.

2009 A commemorative walk recognizing individuals was laid in front of the Veterans Park with bricks purchased by area residents.

2011 Boy Scout Jake Armstrong built a shed for AWTHS as his Eagle Scout project.

*For the past few years Arcanum High School students have helped mulch the flower beds as part of the school’s **Serve Arcanum** community project. We appreciate the students’ help and also all the donations to AWTHS.*

**AWTHS Officers**

<b>President</b>	<b>Jenny Quigney</b>	<b>459-8090</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Dick Troutwine</b>	<b>692-5128</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>David Kepler</b>	<b>692-5908</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Connie Wells</b>	<b>692-8085</b>

**Directors**

<b>Carolyn Furlong</b>	<b>417-2966</b>	<b>Joyce Colville</b>	<b>692-8685</b>
<b>David Hayes</b>	<b>545-9507</b>	<b>Jim Deis</b>	<b>662-0119</b>
<b>Cary Wogomon</b>	<b>623-5857</b>	<b>Fred Troutwine</b>	<b>692-8939</b>

**Southern Darke County History** Annette Stewart 937-417-3746**Host and Hostesses**

We continue to thank our volunteers who serve as host and hostesses during Open Hours, usually the First Saturday Morning of the Month.

Those who've served recently include: Connie Norris, Tracy Besecker, Barb Deis, Fred Troutwine, David Hayes, Chase Osterday and Annette Stewart. Many thanks to help keep our open hours up and running so AWTHS can share our facility and library with others.

If you would like to host please contact Annette Stewart. Call or email at [awthsresearch@gmail.com](mailto:awthsresearch@gmail.com).

**Updates**

The research library has been busy answering inquiries, writing blogs, formatting Facebook post and trying to keep things and collections organized in the library. Our last host, Chase Osterday, was hosting when Garth Stephens brought in a collection of photos and memorabilia from the Stephens Sawmill. The photos are from the 1978 blizzard as well as information on the wood cut for the restoration of the Constitution Ship. Check out our March 3 FB post to view.

Recent acquisitions included some old newspapers originally from Mollie Hansbarger. They were found by the Clark's in the attic of the house they were remodeling in an old doctor's bag. From the newspapers, we found articles and information on business people of Arcanum. Some contained their photos. We acquired several which were not in the AWTHS archives. Those included: Zach Baker who I found out later was Denise Hansbarger's great grandfather. Another is Fourman's Sawmill (later Stephens Sawmill), Lampe & Brawley Hardware, Abe Bloom, Harry Hoffman, Zimmerman's Restaurant and Bakery, and Hole Poultry.

There is more we will write about later. In the meantime, check out our FB page or blogs on our web site [awths.org](http://awths.org).

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

We are looking for past photos of AWTHS founding, house restoration or events. Actually anything to do with AWTHS activities. Please contact Annette Stewart or email your photos.

**These articles on businesses were found in the old 1900's newspaper** from Mollie Hansbarger's home along with the "Arcanum Business" book by Anita Short.

*101 West George Street* - Corner of George and High

1880 Duffee Grocery, Arcanum Post Office, Kaylor Furniture Store and Fitzgerald Peanut & Cigar Stand.

Per the Greenville Journal in 1889 a fire broke out and there was damage. However the walls of the building were saved and the building renovated. There was a number of businesses established here including Fred Harris Hardware and Brown's Service Store.

Sometime after 1969 the building was torn down and the Drive Thru branch of the Arcanum National Bank was built. Today it is D&D Beauty and Skin, LLC.

*17 North High Street*

H. C. Zimmerman operated a bakery and restaurant at 17 North High.

It's possible the bakery was in another location prior. Possibly the Kepler block or that could have been his father's grocery. Today 17 North High is a part of Millers. Previously Skaggs Tavern.

H C.'s father was C W Zimmerman. He had a home and grocery on the corner of East South and North Main (built around 1854) which was taken down in 1929 to build a gas station. Today it is Troutwine's car lot across from JoAnne Hill's home.

*Abe Bloom Shoe Shop*

This business was in numerous locations all over Arcanum, especially on George Street.

He was in the Clark's addition which is the current Cruizers Restaurant and Fourman's Variety location. The old Clark building was torn down late 1940's-early 1950 and poor Abe didn't have a place to go with his business.

Per the Arcanum Business book you can follow his moves but a few locations included the old Arcanum Times newspaper building (aka Early Bird), the old L. H. Smith Building 19 W George, the bank building. (aka today around STF Insurance - fitness place)

**AWTHS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2004-2024 Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society – First 10 Years**

*This article first appeared in the April 2014 AWTHS newsletter.*

Through the dedication and hard work of many people in our area the Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society has become a prominent part of Arcanum and Southern Darke County.

Founded in 2004 by citizens whose heritage goes back to the early days: Bill Gunder, Dave and Jo Anne Pleasant (Smith) Hill, Keith and Carolyn Patterson Furlong, Fred and Carolyn Troutwine, John and Holly Trigg, and Anita Bowers Short.

In the early years trees were so dense squirrels could jump from one tree to another. A time when people walked on plank sidewalks from store to store to avoid the swampy ground. A time when two train tracks intersected in town bringing new people to settle here and to work the fertile ground. The trains then took the products of their hard labor to markets: tobacco, lumber, and grains.

Hard work which was ingrained in the early settlers is the same fortitude which inspired AWTHS members to take on the project of bringing life back into the 1894 structure first built to house the Louis Dietrich Hotel and Saloon. Many who volunteered, who labored many hours, those who gave supplies and funds, and those who donated for and worked at many fundraisers remember the building as the Beck Hotel, later Wayne Trail Grange No. 2647.

A walk through the house is a walk into the past. Woodwork was striped of paint and renewed. Some floors were refinished. Walls stripped of faded wallpaper, then patched and painted. Panels in the meeting room were removed to reveal the 12 foot ceiling with high windows which had been hidden for many years. Window treatments were made from drapes long forgotten by previous owners. Chandeliers and light fixtures which once hung in many older Arcanum homes now shine on hundreds of items members and residents have generously given to be preserved, items that help tell the history of Arcanum and Southern Darke County.

Our talented members worked diligently to craft spindles, woodwork & trim, to build much needed display and storage pieces, and much more. Beautiful stained glass pieces were made to fit in the transoms.

New exterior doors were selected to keep with the period of the house and still meet code requirements. To preserve the exterior, bricks were cleaned, sealed and tuck pointed. Bricks, limestone lintels and sills were replaced where needed. The roof, soffits, gutters, down spouts, furnace, and water heater are all new. The first floor is now air conditioned. Windows were replaced. And those are only the major projects completed.

The Dietrich Hotel, Beck Hotel, and Wayne Trail Grange each hold a place in the history of Arcanum. The Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society is bringing that history and the history of Southern Darke County together. The mission of AWTHS is: “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 history.”

To accomplish the purpose of AWTHS, “collecting and preserving of records, artifacts, memorabilia, materials, and genealogical research pertaining to the history of the Arcanum area”. A reference and genealogy library has been well established. Around 4000 photos of the community, family histories, books, school yearbooks and over 35 binders on all types of subjects in Arcanum as well as Pittsburg and Southern Darke County are available for research and casual reading. Digital files are also available as well as actual Arcanum Times Newspapers. Books documenting Arcanum’s history: the founding and founder’s family, businesses, life in the community, the fire department, Investor House and Arcanum Public Library are available for purchase.

Several structures have been identified as historical sites. The monuments for the founder of Arcanum, William and Nance Rice Gunder, in the Ithaca Cemetery have been restored. These projects also meet the purpose of the society: “identify and marking buildings and locations of historical significance as well as preserving skills and building techniques shall be considered part of the purpose of the society”.

The lot adjacent AWTHS, where the D&U station was located, is now Veterans Memorial Park and is the property of the historical society. The park is used for the farmers market and also for community activities.

AWTHS presents educational programs for school children and the public, and holds special activities such as Darke County Center for the Arts concerts.

Through membership dues, generous donations, grants and fundraisers AWTHS has generated \$207,670 in the first 10 years, making it possible to remain viable. All who have been part of the AWTHS board these past 10 years appreciate the many, many who have made this possible.

**The GREAT Darke County Fair** Bev Rench 937-623-0468 bkraz85@gmail.com

Are you ready for Martin's lemonade, Everman's apple dumplings, 4-H animals and harness racing? The GREAT Darke County Fair will be held this year August 16-24. This is one of the larger fundraisers for the Society. As scheduling coordinator, I look forward to working with the AWTHS Gate 3 volunteer attendants. If you have not volunteered before, please contact me and I will get you added. Working the gate is a GREAT opportunity to see old friends and make new ones. Beginning August 1, I will be contacting everyone that worked in 2023 per the attached schedule. Feel free to contact me before that to confirm your scheduled time. Thank you in advance for your participation!

### 2023 Darke County Fair Gate #3 Schedule Friday August 18 thru Saturday August 26

	<i>7 am -12 noon</i>	<i>12 noon - 5 pm</i>	<i>5 pm -10 pm</i>
<b>Fri 18</b>	Jim & Barb Deis 662-0119* Charlie Harris 417-9607	Sally Sharritt 692-5245 Jenny Quigney 459-8090 Fred Troutwine 692-8939	Connie/Mike Wells 692-8085 Joyce Colville 417-3344
<b>Sat 19</b>	Bruce Shank 564-2891* Jana Deeter 547-0705 Sue Besecker (10-12) 417-6038	Wallace & Trump 620-2800 548-6116	Carol/Earl Hightower 692-8875 Johanna & Bill Hill 530-0744
<b>Sun 20</b>	Denice & Jason Trimble 416-7178* Jim Piel 564-3248	Sally Sharritt 692-5245 Carolyn Hollinger 417-4216 Bev Rench 12-2:30 Jana Deeter 2:30-5	Dick/Sharon Troutwine 692-5128 Bev Kramer 513-379-6792
<b>Mon 21</b>	Dave & Ardis Hamlin 623-8963* Sue Besecker (10-12) 417-6038	Jenny Quigney 459-8090 Liz Stephens 459-0884 Bruce Shank 564-2891	Dick/Sharon Troutwine 692-5128 Vicki Rhodehamel 423-3763
<b>Tues 22</b>	Jim & Barb Deis 662-0119* Peggy Deeter	Jana Deeter 547-0705 Joyce Colville 417-3344 Linda Riley 564-5023	Bev/Kirk Honeyman 623-0468 Monty & Ty Clark 692-5155
<b>Wed 23</b>	Lynn* & Carolyn Trump 548-6116 Vicki Rhodehamel 423-3763	Daivid Kepler 423-1067 Linda Riley 564-5023 Linda Pease Brown 266-2598	Mike & Kathy Fout 467-6534 Mike Schwieterman 417-0985
<b>Thurs 24</b>	Fred Troutwine 692-8939* Kevin Bolyard 765-437-6625	Marilyn Krinker 262-496-4101 David & Kristine Hayes 545-9507	Cary/Teresa Wogoman 623-5857
<b>Fri 25</b>	Gene & Nelda Morris 423-5347 Fred Troutwine 692-8939*	Noah 423-5755 Dave & Ardis Hamlin 623-8963	Dick/Sharon Troutwine 692-5128 Cheryl Gray 423-1549
<b>Sat 26</b>	Annette & Rex Stewart 417-3746*	Bev & Kirk Honeyman 623-0468	Kenny/Holly Daugherty 564-0589

\* Will pick-up cash box at Fair office under Grandstand.

**On Call: Bev Rench 937-623-0468**

**Reminder—Save aluminum cans for recycling.** It is one of AWTHS fundraisers. Leave cans on the back porch in provided containers or secure cans in bags before dropping them off.

Calendar of Events

Open House Hours	First Saturday of the Month	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
<u>To make an appointment contact Annette Stewart - awthsresearch@gmail.com</u>		
Euchre Parties	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month	1:00 p.m.
Board Meetings	January, March, May, July, September, November	7:00 p.m.

*Farmers Market each Saturday June through September 9:00 - Noon*

May	9	Kelli Bergheimer, writer, teacher, editor & international genealogical speaker	7:00 p.m.
June	21	Open house with 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary displays	Noon – 5:00 p.m.
August	16–24	Darke County Fair – AWTHS scheduled to work north fair gate #3	
September	12	“The Perilous Road to the Treaty of Greenville” Presenter: Mike Wells	7:00 p.m.
November	14	Cary Wogomon - Virtual Tour of Early Arcanum	7:00 p.m.
November	29&30	Christmas Bazaar * Donated gently used Christmas items only. Leave items on the back porch.	
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**Histories of Arcanum Publications for Sale at AWTHS** *or* Order on our website or contact a board member.

**The Secret Town – Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio** Author William Gunder (Great Grandson) \$20  
*Early Lot Owners -Deeds Recorded by year Thru 1900*  
*Expansions of the village through the 1990s/Additions, Subdivisions and Plats*  
*Brief Biographies of the Founder’s 14 Children and Descendants of the Founder (William Gunder)*

**Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852-1968)** Author Anita Short \$35  
*Businesses are listed by: street names, street number or lot number, dates at that location, proprietors or building owner*  
*The book is indexed by last names.*

**Arcanum Chronicles** Authors Anita Short & William Gunder \$20  
 Stories of life in Arcanum: *Opera House/City Building & Township Building Arcanum Sports*  
*Arcanum Parades and Celebrations Brigadier General Edward Sigerfoos Grassville Quartette*  
*Christmas In The Village Arcanum Chautauqua Fast Hoar*  
*Twin Township District 7 School At Ithaca*

**Arcanum Chronicles Volume 2** Author William Gunder \$18  
*Arcanum Fire Department (1877-1970) Arcanum Public Library & Historic Ivester House*

<b>2024</b>	<b>Membership Dues</b>	<b>January 1st</b>
2024 Membership Form	Clip and Mail to	AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304

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