From the President

Dear Society Friends and Members,

To the right, you can see the finalized site plan for the new State/County/Historical Society facilities that we hope to move into before our 2017 visitor season. The commissioners and ODOT are hoping to have groundbreaking yet in 2015. Our society volunteers and contractors will take over the interior portion of the project after the state and county contractors have finished.

In the meantime, we need to keep pressing on with our fundraising capital campaign. We have over $100,000.00 to date (over 10% of what we need.) If you haven’t given to the project yet, please consider a gift. Donations in our 3 sponsorship categories can be broken down into 3 calendar year commitments if desired. On a smaller giving scale, we have designed a mural of ceramic tiles in our lobby that will be made of faces of past and present residents of the county (see insert).

Our county Heritage Alliance is busy working on a grant proposal to digitize all of our county newspapers and creating a county-wide program to promote history lectures at all six locations.

Don’t forget to see the last year of the Civil War at our existing county museum or tour the Wauseon Depot during our fall events. And, I hope to see you at one of our three historic buildings at the 2015 Fulton County Fair!

Sincerely,

Carl Buehrer, President

ODOT - FULTON COUNTY MUSEUM & WELCOME CENTER
SITE LAYOUT PLAN
SCALE: 1:107

Museum Hours thru November:
Tuesdays - Fridays 10am—4pm
Saturdays 10am—2pm

$4 General Admission
$3 Seniors
$2 Students

Train Depot Tours
scheduled through the Museum

Horst Wudi from the Fulton County Courts led a portion of our downtown history walk during the Wauseon Strawberry Festival on June 20.

See an original New York Herald newspaper, a mourning cloth and local poetry related to President Lincoln’s 1865 assassination in this year’s special exhibit “Hell & Homefront: Civil War Through Fulton County Eyes.”
Heritage Alliance News

The Fulton County Heritage Alliance (Sauder Village, Fulton County Historical, Metamora Area Historical, Lyons & Area Historical, Bean Creek Valley Heritage Center, and the Fulton County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society) have been busy working on some collaborative projects. In April, all 6 groups attended the Region 1 meeting of the Ohio Local History Alliance at the Hancock County Museum where we learned some great ideas for the future in Fulton County. The group is also working on a county-wide disaster plan, is sharing some climate monitoring equipment on loan from the State Library of Ohio, attended a two day instructional webinar on artifact cataloging, and is beginning work on two grant requests: one to fund history speakers at each of our 6 sites and one to fund the digitization of our county newspapers. This September, we have the opportunity to attend our national organization (American Association of State and Local History) annual meeting in Louisville, KY. If anyone would like to learn more about this county alliance, contact the Fulton County Museum director, John Swearingen, Jr. at (419) 337-7922.

Museum on the Road

Our director dressed as a Native American (see below) and travelled to Evergreen Elementary School on May 14 for “Right to Read” week. The school’s yearly theme was “camping”, so artifacts related to the local Odawa tribe’s family fall hunting trips were displayed and explained.

Heritage Alliance Events:

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<td>Tuesday, July 14, 11am</td>
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<td>Metamora Area Lecture, “Celebrating the History of Our Czech Families in Fulton County”</td>
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Interim Plan

Our Disaster Recovery Plan Goes Something Like This...

Final Plan Under Construction

DILBERT by Scott Adams
2015 to date sponsors (including our Capital Campaign)
(names appear at the entrance to Hell & Homefront Exhibit and in the township hall during the Fulton County Fair)

Thanks to all of our friends and members who have given so generously toward our local history preservation efforts:

**Room Naming Rights ($20,000 or more)**

**Howard Spiess Family**

**Fulton County Commissioners**

**Director’s Circle ($10-19,999)**

**Dale Rufenacht Family**

**Yoder Family Fund**

**President’s Circle ($5-9,999)**

**Carol Hackett**

**Roger Ernst Family**

**Wauseon Machine & Mfg.**

**Sponsor Circle ($1-4,999)**

**Russell Dominique**

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**M&M Marvin Leatherman**

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**Jane Rupp**

**Rebecca Rupp**

**M&M Jim Spieles**

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**M&M Charles Meyer**

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**Jim Roos**

**Martha Ross**

**Kay Roth**

**Tyrone Rupp**

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**Marlene Snyder**

**John Whalen**

**Ernestine Young**
Donation/Membership Form

Name(s) ___________________________________ Address_____________________
City________________ State________ Zip Code Phone_________ E-Mail__________

Please check below what your check (payable to FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY) is including:

☐ New Museum Director's Circle Gift (includes a FREE year family membership) $10,000
☐ New Museum President’s Circle Gift (includes a FREE year family membership) $5,000
☐ New Museum Sponsor Circle Gift (includes a FREE year family membership) $1,000
☐ New Museum 9 Tile Wall image (includes a FREE year membership) $900(enclose your photo) *
☐ New Museum 4 Tile Wall image (includes a FREE year membership) $400(enclose your photo) *
☐ New Museum 1 Tile Wall image (includes a FREE year membership) $100(enclose your photo) *
☐ Historian Annual Individual/Family Membership (NOT a gift to the new museum) $1,000
☐ Council Oak Annual Individual/Family Membership (NOT a gift to the new museum) $500
☐ Pioneer Annual Individual/Family Membership (NOT a gift to the new museum) $250
☐ Native Annual Individual/Family Membership (NOT a gift to the new museum) $100
☐ Patriot Annual Individual/Family Membership (NOT a gift to the new museum) $30
☐ Adult Individual Annual Membership (NOT a gift to the new museum) $25
☐ Senior Couple Annual Membership (NOT a gift to the new museum) $20
☐ Senior/Student Annual Membership (NOT a gift to the new museum) $10

TOTAL Check Amount Enclosed: __________ Mail to P.O. Box 104 Wauseon, Ohio 43567

If above is a gift membership, then the gift is from:____________________________________________________________________________

* For photomural images: We will call or email you to pick up your photo when we are done scanning them

Our new museum donor photomural will be made of 4 x 4 ceramic tiles with faces of past and present Fulton County residents. The larger photo will depict a symbolic scenic Fulton County. A book will be available to locate your tile.

Tile image sizes: 4 x 4 $100  8 x 8 $400  12 x 12 $900

The Fulton County Historical Society is an Internal Revenue Service 501 (c) (3) approved non-profit organization and contributions are tax deductible.
New 2015 Acquisitions

The first half of the year has been busy with new collections being accessioned, including: family objects from the Thomas family, family objects and photos from the family of Dorothy Waldron-Biddle (see below), the Harry Walters archival collection, Fulton County Health Center Papers, deed books from the Fulton County Recorder’s Office, Hal Seiler’s Korean War (Navy) records, a Delta Ohio photograph collection, the Aetna Grange Archives (last grange in Fulton County), a Wauseon Manufacturing Company (Gordon Domeck) photograph collection, the Pete Rupp Family Collection, Harrison Wise’s Civil War letters and love token, a 1942 Wauseon Homecoming photograph collection, the Nathaniel Leininger archival collection, the Fulton County Board of Election document seals, the Bernath Valentines collection, the DeFord Schwall archival collection, an Archbold John Deere dealership advertisement give-a-way cane/cue stick, Carrie Phillips’ trade card collection, a Wauseon glass negative collection, a Fulton County Ohio Military Band bass drum head (see below), the Krauss/Wyse post card collection, and the Jon Lugbill Collection (left).

Born in Archbold, OH, Jon Lugbill became a famous Kayak racer. Jon is pictured above with his wife and daughters, and donated many of his ribbons and medals to the Fulton County Historical Society, including this second place ribbon (2015.38.10) from a race in Pennsylvania. In 1989, at the age of 28, Jon won an unprecedented fifth individual World Championships gold medal with one of the greatest world slalom runs of all time. He became the only paddler to ever appear on a “Wheaties” cereal box for his winning run. His story will appear in the new county museum in 2017.

Right, this beaver skin top hat and photograph (2015.7.26b) of Dorothy Waldron (Biddle) wearing it as a child actor at the Scott Opera House in Wauseon is part of the collection of items (including Dorothy’s wedding dress and the bedroom suite of her grandfather Alfred Hill) was donated from her estate by Becky Thatcher.
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Fulton County Haunting History Tours

October 23, 24, 30 and 31, 2015

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