

# FULTON COUNTY PIONEER



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## From the President

### TEA AT THE MANOR HOUSE

Donated in 1969 by Ruth Brown Campbell the History Manor will be reopened officially on December 1, 2018 with a tea. There will be two areas of interest. The north side will depict the home of Frank Mercer in 1903, and the south end will be the apartment of the Browns in 1949. The building was erected in 1868 as the first Wauseon High School. In 1897 Frank Mercer purchased the building, removed the third floor and converted it into a duplex. Doctors E.A. Murbach and J.W. Fauster lived in one apartment and Mr. Mercer lived in the other.

In 1903 the building was purchased by the renters and it became the first hospital until Detwiler Hospital was built. Dr. Murbach remained the owner and it was used during the depression as a half-way house for less fortunate families like the Kedocia and the Fauvers, who shared the south half of the building. The first floor contained shared kitchen space and the upstairs contained the only bathrooms.

In 1949, Reese and Ruth Campbell purchased the building and renovated it into four apartments. After Reese passed away, Ruth moved into one of the apartments. She later donated the building to the Historical Society. Now there will be another chapter added to the history of this wonderful building. Everyone can use it for parties and receptions, showers and family get togethers. The atmosphere is one of stepping back in time to enjoy the genteel ambiance of a time when things moved slower and there was time to sit down and enjoy a cup of tea.

The Manor House will be available for rentals at an hourly rate. Parties can be catered or bring your own. The possibilities are endless.

If you are interested in reserving the Manor House, call the Museum at 419 337-7922, - Monday thru Saturday 10-4



Dear Members and Friends,

It seems like only last week that we met for our annual meeting, but not so. It was a year ago and we were very nervous about a grand opening that was imminent. Would we be ready? How would everything get done on time? Would anybody show up for the parties? Well, all of our fears were dispelled when events went off as planned, thanks to all of you.

Since the opening, the museum has proved to be a busy place. Almost every one that visits the exhibit hall expresses their surprise and delight. The fair events were a great success. We had a record number of visitors at the log cabin and the Blacksmith shop. Thanks to all of the volunteers who came out in such hot, humid weather to greet the visitors.

The annual meeting this year will be special. All of the festivities will be at our "new home." We have a guest Speaker, Carol Schwartz, Ph.D., from Sylvania. She is a former professor at Lourdes University. Her message will be on the Generational Theory used to design our permanent exhibit. You won't want to miss it.

Don't forget the ghost tours coming up at the end of the month. What a great way to celebrate Halloween.

*Carl Buehrer*

Carl Buehrer, President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## MUSEUM AND MANOR HOUSE

- October 2 Annual Meeting  
 October 19, 20, 26, 27 Ghost tours  
 November 9, Swiss Steak Dinner, St. Caspers  
 4:30 P.M/  
 November 22 Agriculture Heritage Day  
 December 1 Tea at the Manor House
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## FULTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

- Monthly meetings will start September 11 at the  
 Trinity Lutheran Church in Delta.  
 October 9, Medical terms in Genealogy K. Lee  
 November 13, Anthony Wayne is coming  
 (Frank Butwin as Anthony Wayne)  
 December 11, Christmas Meeting Potluck & silent  
 auction
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## Sauder Village

- October 2 Quilter's retreat  
 October 6 Transportation Exploration  
 October 12 Rug Hook-in  
 October 13 Fall on the Farm  
 October 15 Jo's Floral Applique  
 October 19 Family Fun Night  
 October 20 Community Health Day  
 October 24 Woodcarvers show & workshop
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## BEAN CREEK VALLEY HISTORY CENTER

- October 2,9,16,23,30. Thursday evenings 7-8P.M.  
 "Digging Up Your Roots" beginning genealogy  
 classes. \$40.00/members, \$50.00/non-members  
 October 25 Lecture by Rodney Miller "Edinburg &  
 Environs" Ghost Towns & Old Roads  
 \$10.00 donation"  
 October 27, Down Home at the Opera House 7 P.M.  
 November 11, Pumpkin Pie Social 2-4 P.M. at the  
 Opera House. Free will donation
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## METAMORA AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- October 3, Potluck & program "Victorian Mourning  
 Rituals" 6:00 P.M.
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## LYONS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- December 2, Santa at the Depot 1:30-4:00 P.M.
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## ANNUAL MEETING &amp; BANQUET

The annual meeting and banquet will be special this year for many reasons. It will be the first year we will be able to celebrate in our own facility. For the first time in many years, the program will include an invited speaker, Carol Swartz, Ph.D. She has had an extensive career in education including teaching and administrative duties at the K-12 through graduate school levels. Her dissertation research looked at generational differences and their ways of learning. Her message is "Sharing History's Stories across Generations". You won't want to miss this interesting program. The financial report, Endowment Fund report and election of officers will also be on the program. Get your reservations in early. Seating is limited to 80 people.



Carol Swartz

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**VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

**Volunteer training began in July and will be held the second Tuesday of every month at 9 A.M. If you are interested call the museum at 419 337 7922.**

# RECENT ACSESSIONS



The star from the sign that blinked on and off at the Star Drive-in Theater in Wauseon



Diamond Flower Quilt from Christine Dugas  
 descendant of the Crockett family



**FREE WAR BOND PREMIERE!**  
 THE ONLY ADMISSION: VISITORS OF A WAR BOND BUYER'S BOY, AT THE DELTA MAINS - HE PAYS OFFERS - AND GET A FREE TICKET TO THE BOND PREMIERE.  
**LYRIC THEATRE TUES. ONLY FEB. 15**

**"Now for your first lesson IN LOVE!"**

**MARGARET O'BRIEN**  
**LOST ANGEL**

When a hard-boiled reporter goes out to report on a night-club beauty—the eminent beguiling Gungsters and gals! Cops and murder mystery! And a 20-year-old beauty who knew all the answers!

with **JAMES CRAIG** - Marsha Hunt  
 Philip Hecle - Henry O'Neill - Donald McKay

**FARMERS LOVE NADA**

Above

Picture of the Lyric Theater in Delta with an ad for a movie promotion to buy bonds to support the war effort.



Left: Peter and Marvin Goldsmith receiving a silver Milk bottle to celebrate 25 years at Sterling Creamery.

## Time for Haunted House Tours

Dates are October 19, 20, 26 & 27.

Tours leave the Depot every 15 minutes from 6:30 to 8:15 P.M.

The late tours are for adults only. There will be a special story as usual in the park and of course the hospital has its own scary stories of incidents that occurred during its days of operation.

These tours are different every year.

John always finds a story of intrigue to tweak your imagination

With the new technology on cell phones you can even monitor the ghosts as they accompany you on your tour.

Reservations are filling up quickly. Don't delay another minute. Call the museum . and set up a time and a date to meet with the Ghosts of Fulton County.



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