Dear Society Friends and Members,

I enjoyed visiting with many of you at the Fulton County Fair. Visitation at our log cabin and Blacksmith Shop were at an all time high. Rope making for the children was a great teaching tool and visitors both young and old enjoyed learning about or remembering what rationing was like during WWII. Rosie the Riveter visited on the weekend to remind everyone of the part women of Fulton County played in the war effort. The coordinating WWII display will be at the museum through October in case you missed it. Thanks to everyone that volunteered at the fair. The hours can be long and tiring but the satisfaction of a job well done is worth it all.

Our annual meeting and banquet will be on October 3rd, at St. Martin's Church in Archbold. The following day, October 4, we are having an open house at the new museum from 2-6 P.M. It coincides with the ribbon cutting for ODOT's new Fulton County Garage. Come and visit the whole complex. This is a one of a kind state and county government shared use facility.

The Haunted House Ghost Tours are scheduled for October 20, 21, 27 and 28 this year. Tell your friends to make reservations early. Dinners will also be available this year at AKA Design.

Our annual Fish Fry Fund Raiser will be on November 10th at St. Casper’s Church. Veterans eat free.

Your support and volunteerism is necessary in the next 6 months for the new museum to be successful.

Sincerely,

Carl Buehrer, President

Volunteers are going to be a big part of the new museum’s success. It will take many hands to greet the visitors, sell the merchandise, set up the exhibits, conduct the tours, schedule the events and make everyone feel welcome. If you or someone you know is looking for a place to volunteer give us a call (419 337 7922). Volunteering is a very satisfying adventure. You meet new people, make new friends at the same time you are providing hours of valuable service to the community.

Think about it!

Carl Buehrer, President
RECENT ACQUISITIONS TO THE MUSEUM

**Heritage Alliance Events:**

**Annual Meeting & Dinner**
October 3, at 5:30 P.M.
At St. Martin’s Lutheran Church
203 S. Defiance St. Archbold, OH

**OPEN HOUSE at the New Museum**
October 4th 2-6 P.M. In the lobby

**FCHS “Haunting History” Walking Tours**
Date: Friday, October 20, Saturday, October 21, Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28. Dinner available one hour prior
Location: Wauseon Depot & Museum call for reservations and pricing.

**Fish Fry**
Friday, November 10, 4:30-7 P.M.
St. Casper’s Knights of Columbus

**Santa at the Depot**
Weekdays: 6:30—8:00 P.M.
Weekends: 2:30—4:00 P.M.
225 Depot Street, Wauseon, Oh.

Plan your 2018 events now. Ask about special programming space at our current or new museum homes. Rentals can include private parties/tea buffets through a reservation.

**Been Creek Valley History Center Events**

October 5, Lantern Tour of Pleasant View Union Cemetery
October 21 Down Home concert at the Opera House.

October 18, Toledo Public Library Tour.

Tuesdays October 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21 Digging up your roots. Genealogy class.

October 29, Fayette Fall Church Tour
November 15, Lenawee Co. Court Tour

Custom Gift Wrapping during the month of December at the History Center.

For more info., call: 419.388.2518

**Saint Caspar Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**
Friday, November 10
4:30—7pm
1205 North Shoop Avenue, Wauseon, OH 43567
A percentage of the proceeds will be given to our organization

**Sauder Village Events**

**Transportation Exploration**
October 7&8, Sat. 10—5 & Sun. 12-5.
A "travel thru time" from canoes to airplanes.

**Fall on the Farm & Scout Day**
October 14
10 A.M.—5 P.M.

**Community Health Day**
Saturday Oct. 21.
Free Admission to Fulton County residents
Sponsored by FCHC.

**Annual Woodcarver’s Show**
October 28 & 29

**Holiday Lantern Tours**
Nov. 25 Dec. 2 & 9
4-8:30 P.M.

**BEING CLEVER WITH VINES**

This story was published in the West Unity Reporter of 1890-1891. It tells some of the history of Master’s Corners in Franklin Township.

Clearing the land was a major problem. There were a number of wild berry bushes and vines growing among the trees. This is a story of a giant grape vine. “This mammoth vine is supported by a large tree that was up-rooted and decayed. The vine lies on the ground some 25 feet and then curves up to the branches of a beech tree about 75 feet. This would make the vine about 125 feet long from the root to where it first touches the tree. It then branches out and covers the top of 2 or 3 large trees. The vine measurers twenty-five feet in diameter, twenty-five and one quarter inches in circumference, twenty-five feet from the root which is the largest point, and twenty-one and one-half inches at thirty feet, and as the portion lying on the ground is somewhat decayed it no doubt at one time had been fully ten inches in diameter.”

“Taking this vine as a whole, I should not be surprised if it was found to be the largest and heaviest grape vine in the state. We can form an idea of its vastness from the fact that the large beech tree that is its chief support is curved considerably from the perpendicular by its vast weight.”

“This sketch will give some idea of the heavy and luxuriant growth of timber that the old pioneers had to destroy in order to make for themselves and us the splendid farms that now cover this territory.”

Story by A.W. Fisher

**Grape Vines**

**Museum Annual Passes**

Don’t let your membership lapse! It is important that you support the museum with annual dues. Your membership becomes a free pass for unlimited visits to the new museum for a whole year!

Categories are:

- Historian $1000.00
- Council Oak $500.00
- Pioneer $250.00
- Native $100.00
- Family $30.00
- Individual $25.00
- Senior/Student $15.00

For more info., call: 419.388.2518