

# FULTON COUNTY PIONEER



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## Latino in Rural America Exhibit

July 18, 2018 at 7 P.M. In the Emergency Operations Center, at the museum. Clara Roman-Odio, Professor of Spanish Studies at Kenyon College, will speak about the Latino exhibit which is on loan to the Museum through September 6, 2018.

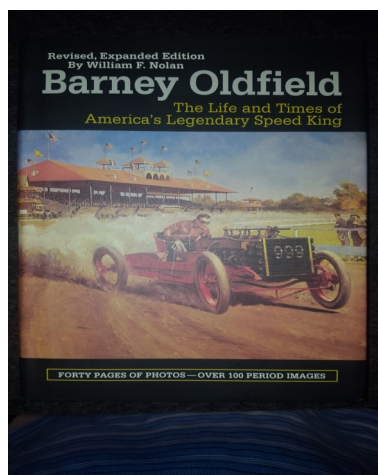
She will explain how the exhibit was developed, and the program that she has developed at the university. "Latinos in Rural America" which seeks to broaden knowledge of, engagement with, and understanding of the Latino experience in rural Ohio.

The exhibit will also be featured at the log cabin at the fair this year showing how Emmett LaSalle (the last person to live in the log cabin) interacted with the migrant workers on the farms where he worked.



## Legacy Literature

Want to find out more about Fulton County's home town hero, Barney Oldfield? Stop in the Legacy Shop and check out our wide selection of books. Members receive a 10% discount every day on every item.



"A Tremendous Story of triumphs amid defeats, embracing the whole colorful era in which Oldfield lived."  
*Columbus Dispatch*



## From the President

Dear Members and Friends,

Thanks again to all of you that helped to make our opening a great success. Visitors to the museum are increasing in numbers, which is great. They all seem pleased, surprised, and often comment on what a wonderful place we have created. We had one very special day in late May. Visitors were numerous and they used all of our resources. One family stopped in looking for directions and restaurants, another group came to see the museum and gift shop, and a third came to do research. This is what we are all about and we hope to have many more days like that in the future.

Don't forget to bring your friends and out of town guests to visit. They too will be impressed.

Volunteers are still needed. We are open seven days a week, and lots of hands are needed. If you would like to help out, call John, Scott or myself. We are planning training sessions for those who are interested so they will feel comfortable with their duties.

Thanks again to all of you for your on going support.

*Carl Buehrer*

Carl Buehrer, President

**NEW:** The actual license plate from Barney Oldfield's 1905 Sterns Greyhound Racer is on loan to the permanent exhibit beginning on July 8th

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MUSEUM AND MANOR HOUSE**

- July 14 Tea on the porch at the Manor House.  
 July 18 Prof. Clara Roman-Odio's presentation on  
 . the Latino exhibit. 7 P.M. in the E.O.C  
 room.  
 July 27 Geobash Reception 4—8 P.M.  
 August 10 Teacher Day & Legacy Shop Book  
 Signing and coffee 2 P.M.  
 Aug. 31—September 4 Fulton County Fair  
 September 23 Keeping Up with the Joneses Exhibit  
 opening. 2 P.M.

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**Fulton County Genealogical Society**

Monthly meetings will start September 11, at the  
 Trinity Lutheran Church in Delta. 7 P. M.

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**Sauder Village**

- July 4 Old fashioned July 4th week-end  
 July 14-15 Summer on the farm & Fiddle contest  
 Glass blowing  
 July 20, Celebrating Dr. Seuss  
 Aug. 1 Broom making /spinning  
 Aug 4 Doll & Teddy Bear Show  
 Aug 25 Barbershop Quartet Concert  
 Sept. 18, Apple week  
 Sept. 29, Vintage baseball tournament  
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**Bean Creek Valley History Center**

- Aug 4, Bull Thistle Festival , Parade and Booth  
 Sept.22 2 P.M. dedication of the "Tom Spiess  
 Community Table" at the Opera House.  
 BCVHC will be open for viewing

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**Metamora Area Historical Society**

- June-August Exhibit: **A Timeline of Metamora  
 History**, Celebrating 125 yr. anniversary  
 August 11, tent at the park with local history display  
 and promotions. 12-5 P-M.

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**VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

Volunteer training will begin in July and will be held  
 the second Tuesday of every month at 9 A.M. If you  
 are interested call the museum .419 337 7922.  
 Walk- ins will be welcome also.

**TEACHER'S DAY**

On Friday, August 10th all of the  
 teachers in Fulton County are invited  
 to attend a program to show off the  
 museum and Legacy Gift Shop and  
 show them opportunities for student  
 field trips. Local History authors are  
 invited for a book signing. If you are  
 a teacher or know one, encourage  
 them to attend this program to learn  
 about all of the things the museum  
 has to offer.

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**SPIESS RESEARCH CENTER**

The Research Center is named for  
 the family of Howard Spiess and his  
 extended family who donated the  
 initial funds to get the project  
 started. Several years ago, Paul  
 visited the Monroe St. museum and  
 was impressed with the collection but  
 thought we needed a better place to  
 display it. He wanted everyone to  
 learn about their heritage and draw  
 future generations back to their roots.  
 Paul's original donation was meant  
 to hire an architect and develop  
 plans for the new museum. It took a  
 while for all of this to develop but  
 here we are and the library is now  
 open for researchers.

John Myles has worked many hours  
 to put the collection in order. We  
 have maps and history books, rare  
 volumes and high school yearbooks.  
 Families looking to research their  
 ancestors are welcome. If you are  
 looking for someone or something,  
 you just might find it here.  
 Appointments are not necessary but  
 if you think you might need some  
 help, call and make an appointment  
 with John Myles or Jerry Rupp. The  
 library is open Monday—Friday 10  
 4P.M. Thanks to the Spiess Family  
 for giving us the incentive to build  
 a place where history comes alive.

## KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES



On Sunday, September 23rd, a new exhibit will open at the museum. It will be a tribute to the late Clair and Lou Jones. The exhibit will contain the clothing and other memorabilia from the estate. The Joneses were known throughout the

county for their creative spirit, their generosity and dedication to better their surroundings.

Louise Grisier-Jones was born in 1905 and died in 2004 at the age of 98. She was a leader in the community and a trend setter. She attended Ward-Belmont College in Nashville and the Curry School of Expression in Boston. Upon returning to Wauseon, she engaged in numerous theatrical productions and pageants. In 1953 she and her mother wrote a pageant depicting the history of Wauseon for the city's centennial celebration. She also directed the pageant. In 1962, she and her sister, Catherine, (Pat Roos) wrote the script for "One Hundred Years With The First Christian Church In Wauseon" which she also directed. In 1957 she and her mother again collaborated to write the script for the one hundredth anniversary of the Fulton County Fair. As a result she was invited to speak on behalf of the Fair Board at the State Fair Board's meeting in Columbus that year and helped the county win the coveted "Best Fair of the Year" award.

In 1972, she was enshrined in the Wauseon Exchange Clubs "Book of Golden Deeds" which recognized her service to the community. In 1972, she was enshrined in the Agricultural Hall of Fame for her service to 4-H Camp Palmer, agricultural scholarships and other services to the agricultural community.

Clair Jones was born and raised in the Wauseon area. He attended Wauseon High School and Ohio State University where he majored in Agriculture. His first job was a salesman for the National Lime and Stone Company. His next job was that of Fulton County Extension Agent. His knowledge of dairy cattle and soil chemistry made him an outstanding agent. He encouraged farmers to apply lime and fertilizer to produce larger yields and more nutritious livestock feed. Clair instituted the Fulton County Dairy Service Unit and the first dairy herd production testing organization.

Under his influence, the first artificial insemination unit was formed in Northwest Ohio. This later merged with another unit and became the Central Ohio Breeders Association. He was an avid Holstein dairy cow enthusiast and maintained a high quality registered herd of his own.

Clair was the 4-H agent and a member of the planning commission for Camp Palmer. It was under his influence that Harrison Lake was selected as the site.

Clair served on the board of directors of several local banks. He was a loan advisor and investment counselor for young farmers. He established an endowment with proceeds to be used for a scholarship to Ohio State University to a suitable recipient. He was a member of many civic organizations.

The clothing in the exhibit came from the Gould family from New York in the mid 1800's. Lou's grandmother (Louise Charpiot) worked for them as an Au pair. Peter Charpiot of Stryker went to New York and asked Louise to marry him and they moved to Stryker, OH.

They had one child, Alice Charpiot Grisier, and she married Charles Grisier. She was Lou & Pat's Mother. The clothing from all generations moved with Lou to their house in Wauseon and were kept there until her death. At that time, the family donated them to the museum.



Clair and Lou Jones circa 1950





The mural to the right depicts the plank road near Delta which is now Airport Highway.

Nanette is very talented and we thank her for her contribution to the museum. Some of her paintings are for sale in the Legacy Gift Shop.

## Local talented artist enhances museum

Nanette Sturtevant spent many hours with brush in hand painting these murals. The giant prehistoric woman on the left was seven feet tall and her jaws contained a double row of teeth. Her skeleton was unearthed in a field located just below where Lockport now stands.



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