**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 ongoing support.

Carl Buehrer, President

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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.

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**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*

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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**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.

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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.
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.
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.

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.