

FULTON COUNTY PIONEER



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OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL

*Saturday August 6, 2022
4 P.M. until gone*

*The History Manor
229 Monroe St.
Wauseon, OH*

**Live
entertainment
at North Park
across from
the Manor.**



Bring a comfy Lawn Chair!

Wauseon Depot

Annual Hobo

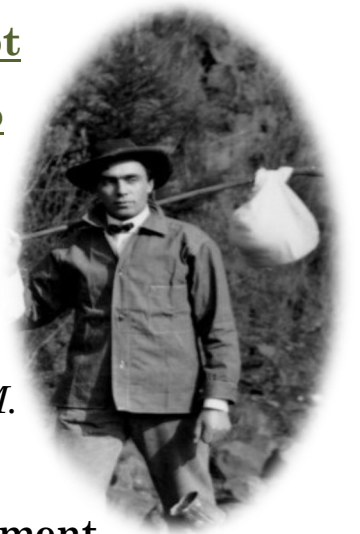
Festival

Saturday

September 24th

4 P.M.— 7 P.M.

- * Hobo Dinner**
- * Live Entertainment**



Visit Us at

The Fulton County Fair

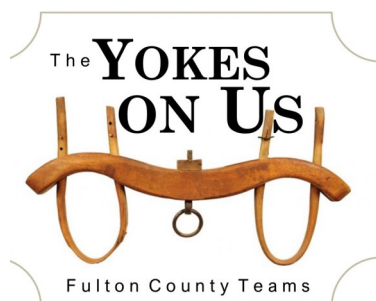
September 2-8, 2022

There are always exciting things going on at the fair. The Log Cabin will be open and the blacksmith forge will be fired up. Rope making and games to play will be outside the cabin.

*Don't miss
this
annual
tradition.*



*Set a date to visit the current
Interactive exhibit, **The Yokes On
Us**. Kids will enjoy activities and
grandparents can share memories
of the
equipment
on display
that was
pulled by
oxen, draft
horses and
mules.*



SOUND OF THE HAMMER

STROKE OF THE PEN

Carl's mother, Anna, died shortly after he was born so he never got to know his biological mother and like many children, Carl had many unanswered questions about her. One day while playing in the attic, he found a small box. The item inside was carefully wrapped in tissue paper. The small silver plate was engraved with "Mother". It was the coffin plate from his mother's casket. He had many questions about her that were never answered, but this simple plate offered a sense of fulfillment. He returned the plate to the box and left it in the attic.

After Anna's death, George, Carl's father, realized he needed help raising children and running a home. Emma Schlatter, the daughter of an old friend, came to live with them. She was such a good mother to the children and ran the household so efficiently, they were married in May of 1890.

In the winter of 1898, much of Archbold was destroyed by fire. The Gotshall Lumber, a mainstay of the town, was one of its victims. It not only employed many men but was also the source of building materials and such to rebuild the community and the new homes and barns needed for a growing population. They hired George to run the business. He worked for them for many years and two of his son's, Walter and Carl were bookkeepers for the business when they were in high school. George was an advocate for education for all children, but boys were catered to since they would have to provide for a family. George served on the Board of Education for three terms making sure the school in Archbold was the best it could be.

The village of Archbold was growing by leaps and bounds and improvements were needed such as sidewalks, city office buildings, a jail and a fire station. Carl took a correspondence course on architecture to render a better service to his customers, but a visit from a Toledo architect sparked his interest in the profession.

He left that fall for Pittsburgh and in 1916, he graduated from the School of Architecture and Design at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburg, PA. During his college days he was class president, was business manager for the college newspaper, played in the band and was Vice President of the Technical Architectural Club besides being a very good student. Following graduation, he served in the armed forces in World War I from 1916—1918 in the artillery division.

In 1919, he married Leona Northway from Ashtabula, Ohio. They established a home in Toledo where they raised two children (a daughter, Virginia, born in 1921 and a son, James born in 1927). Carl became chief draftsman in an architect's office and other members of the family migrated to the Toledo area. He soon opened his own firm but when the depression hit in 1931, his finances were wiped out as the construction business came to a halt. It was during this time that Carl persuaded his father to write down his memories of life in Switzerland and the family in Archbold from which The Sound of the Hammer was written.

Following the depression, Carl was able to open his own business again and formed a partnership with Harold Munger. In 1969, the business was reorganized to include John Macelwane and Frank Poseler into the firm. Their names are in prominent places in many buildings throughout Northwest Ohio. He also served as president of the Ohio Chapter of the American Architects. He served 6 years on the Toledo-Lucas County Planning Commission, and he was Vice President of the Ohio Board of Building Standards.



Former Trustee James Spieles

February 6, 1939—April 18, 2022



It would be interesting to know how many Wauseon High School students were inspired by Jim Spieles to study science and engineering in college and go on to rewarding careers in humanitarian fields.

He was born in Delphos, Ohio, attended the University of Dayton for his under graduate degree and earned his Master's degree from Miami University. After college and service in the United States Army, he came to Wauseon to teach for the next thirty years. He taught chemistry, physics, astronomy, computer science and coached baseball. He served the community in many ways including being a great asset to our Historical Society. He will be missed.

HERITAGE ALLIANCE EVENTS

Lucian Lathrop's Legacy in Lyons

An Underground Railroad Presentation

September 11, 2:00pm Universalist Church, Lyons, OH

Sponsored by Lyons Historical Society

Freewill offering at door



Free open houses of historical county buildings

September 16, Noon to 7pm

See web site for site addresses

Lantern Graveyard Ghosts Tours

September 22, 6:30 pm Pleasantview Cemetery

Sponsored by Bean Creek Valley History Center

Admission \$5.00 at the tent

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thanks again to all of you who support the museum and the Historical Society. We love the fact that you never say "no." We are looking forward to the summer months when travel and vacations are the order of the day. We hope that you will bring your visitors and friends to the museum to share all of our wonderful treasures with them.

Our current exhibit of life on the farm in the 1800's is great for teaching children how things were done "back then." There are great hands-on interactives for everyone. Plan a time to come and visit.

Another way that you could support the museum is through estate planning and gifts to our endowment fund. We are a tax exempt organization, so all gifts are deductible. For example, third party donations to the museum can minimize your current yearly income tax. Even estate taxes can be reduced through planned giving to the Historical Society. Check with your financial planner on Creative ways to support the projects you love.

Also, stay tuned to social media for a VERY special event with state officials and an artifact unveiling.

John Swearingen, Jr. Director

Save The Date

Get your reservations in early for the Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Dinner, business meeting and election of officers

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NEW ACCESSIONS

Early this year, Tom Doane brought us a large collection of items from the Doane family. The Doane family settled near Lena, Ohio, which was south of Wauseon close to the Henry County line. The post office was established in 1852, and its location was moved several times until 1876 when the mail service was moved to Wauseon. This donation was timely because many of the items fit right into our newest exhibit. The items include a yoke for a team of oxen and one for a person, hand tools used in the 1800's on the farm, a sled, a hump back trunk, bullet molds, pictures from Wauseon High School, and family photo albums (IDENTIFIED!). This is so important. If you have pictures of your family, write their names on the back. It has so much more meaning to future generations.



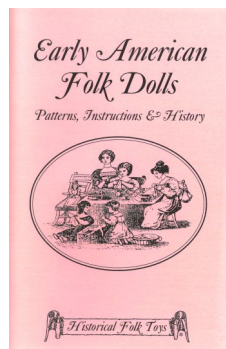
Thanks to Tom for sharing all of the Wauseon memorabilia with us. Above is the oxen yoke from the collection which is included in our current temporary exhibit.

The Legacy Shop

*Early American Folk Dolls
Patterns, Instructions &
History of Historical Folk Toys*

This little book, and several more by the same company are available in our museum store.

Hands on Activities in our new exhibit were found in this booklet.



Saving the Champion Trees



Have you ever wondered how important a beautiful old tree in your yard or woods is? Well, there is an answer to your question. The forestry division of the State of Ohio is looking for these trees. They will come and measure your tree, determine the species and the health of the tree and possibly designate it as an official "National Champion Tree". This is a voluntary endeavor to locate, measure, record, and appreciate tree species in our state. Unfortunately, designation does not confer special legal status, ownership, or protection. Both native and non-native trees qualify. Some of these trees are the biggest of their kind in the United States.

Since 1940, American Forests has documented the largest known species of every native and naturalized tree in the United States. Ohio is currently home to 16 national champion big trees. For more information on this topic go to Ohio.dnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation.

News From the Board (March–May)

The treasurer's report showed \$49,742.09 in the checking account and \$129,986.15 in the Endowment Fund. Applications were made to the state for historic preservation at the old museum in Wauseon (The History Manor). \$50,000 was approved and funds will be available early in 2023.

Kathy Leatherman was asked to finish her husband's term to which she agreed.

Boxes have been purchased to store newspapers for better preservation of the artifact. The clothing collection is being sorted and stored in proper containers. The collections committee has been sorting books. There are many duplicates, high school annuals and post cards are now in the Legacy Shop for sale.

The portraits of Governor and Mrs. Woods have been restored and an unveiling is being planned for later this year. Routine chores of cleaning and mowing were assigned.

The board meets the second Tuesday of every month.

