

FULTON COUNTY PIONEER



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Be sure to check out our newest exhibit. It will bring back memories of the Fulton County Fair in years gone by and the history of fairs in general. Bring your children and grandchildren so they can learn about the fair in its formative years. Don't forget to visit us at the Fair - September 9/1/23-9/7/23. The blacksmith shop and the cabin will be open with many activities for you to enjoy.

Hobo Day at the Depot

Saturday September 30, 2023

At the Wauseon Depot 4:00—7:00 P.M.

Speaker: Mark Camp

Author of Railroad Depots of Northwest Ohio



Beans & Cornbread Dinner

Music
Conversation

Free will donation

Open House

The Meeting House at Lauber Hill will be open for you to visit on:

Sunday, July 23, 2023

1:00—5:00 P.M.

If you are looking for a relative's gravesite in the adjacent cemetery, we may be able to help you find it. We will have the cemetery book from the Genealogy Society to aid in the search.

Also, if you share your email address with us, we will send you updates on the Lauber Hill Project.

ICE CREAM AT THE MANOR

*"I scream, you scream,
We all scream for ice
cream!"*

Held in North Park and at
The History Manor

Sat. August 5, 2023

4:00—7:00 P.M.



Bring a chair and enjoy
the music and some First
Christian Church
ice cream.

Free will donation

Tours of the Manor
will be available.

Friends of
Lauber Hill
Gemeindehaus Lauberberg

Report

The Meeting House of Lauber Hill (*Gemeindehaus Lauberberg*) committee met on May 15 with 20 members present. The fund balance to date was \$24,000.00. The goal is to make this project self-sustaining. A separate account has been established for this purpose.

There has been some confusion about maintenance of the cemetery. We do not own the cemetery and can not spend Lauber Hill funds to maintain it. Families are still responsible for caring for the markers, etc. and the Reformed Church is responsible for the landscaping.

Two trees have been removed from our property and stone surfacing of the drive will be completed soon. A handicapped accessible portable toilet has been installed as well.

The application for the Historical Marker has been submitted to the Ohio History Connection, and a decision will occur in late July following serious and thorough scrutiny.

The open house event is scheduled for July 23, 1—5 P.M. Success depends on getting the word out to the community. We will have materials available for locating gravestones in the cemetery.

The next meeting will be July 12 at 3 P.M. If you are interested in being a member of the committee, please attend.

From The President

Dear Members and Friends.

As we enter another extremely busy summer season, I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and sincere thanks to our membership, volunteers and staff for the resources, talents, and dedication you bring to our organization. The hours and hours of planning, research, designing, and placement of objects that went into the creation of the new “Meet Me at The Fair” exhibit is truly amazing. Please be sure to come see this exhibit and encourage your friends and family to come see it as well. Just like the Fulton County Fair sets records for attendance, we need to make this new exhibit our best attended to date. Your attendance at our events this summer from the Chicken Barbeque, to the Lauber Hill Open House, to the Ice Cream Social, to the Sundays at the Depot are opportunities to show support for your historical society. With your help, we can make them all a success.

Our condolences go to the family of Lowell Yoder who not only served on our Board of Trustees but was a generous donor to the Society. He was a strong supporter of the preservation and use of our former museum building, the History Manor. We are pleased to report that the work on the History Manor utilizing the grant funding we received in the State of Ohio Capital Budget is progressing and will begin later this summer. The grant requires that we match the \$50,000 we are receiving from the State. We have started a campaign to raise our \$50,000 share. An anonymous donor has offered to match the contributions we raise up to \$25,000. Please consider contributing to this fund which will be for upgrading HVAC systems, gutters and soffits, and foundation drainage at the History Manor. We are depending on your contributions to this campaign to ensure that we will receive the grant funds from the State of Ohio. This work on the building will allow us to maintain and use this historic structure into the future. Please send your contribution to the Fulton County Historical Society and designate it for the History Manor Fund. For additional information on the campaign, please contact John Swearingen, Jr. at 419-337-7922.


 John Myles, President

Summer Museum Hours

Monday—Saturday 10 A.M.—4:00P.M.
 Sundays 12N—4 P.M.

**NEW at
The Legacy
Shop**



*The bees
are 'buzzen'
in our
gift shop*



The museum's shop is now offering locally produced items made from Fulton County bees: soap, lip balm and of course honey. Doris has added bracelets, key chains and candles to complete this line of merchandise. We have great ideas for that special gift or that item needed to brighten up your summer décor.

The Legacy Shop has been completely reset. There are dozens of great items for you to explore with your member discount! Many new books, for all ages of readers, are available, as well as jewelry, tea cups, train souvenirs, T-shirts and sweatshirts. You will be surprised at the new look. Come in to check it out and have a chat with our Operations Manager Doris.



Heritage Alliance Member News

Bean Creek History Center

Saturday, August 5, 202

Bull Thistle Festival At the Park
Historical characters will be visiting and relating stories of the past

Saturday, August 12, 2023

150th Celebration of the Village of Fayette
10 A.M. —3 P.M.
At Fayette High School

Thursday, September 21

Lantern Tour at Fayette Cemetery
6:30 P.M.
Admission \$5.00

The exhibit of Fayette's 150th anniversary celebration is still open at the Museum.

Swanton Historical Society

Saturday, August 12

Corn Festival
Memorial Park on Main Street
All class reunion, Friday evening

Lyons Historical Society

Sunday, August 27

1:00pm dedication of a stain glass window that has been restored at the Universalist Church
The church was established in 1868
Refreshments following the program
145 East Morenci Street
Lyons, Ohio

Metamora Area Historical Society News

"We have made great progress with The Heritage House renovations. The interior should be completed in another month. When finished, it will be available for programs and special events. An open house date will be announced later", says president, Jane Dominique. This group's membership has grown to 150. If you are interested, contact Jane Dominique 419 583 7684.

Help !!!

Many times in the past we have come to you for help and you have always come through without hesitation, for which we are eternally grateful. Well....here we are asking again. We have determined that \$100,000.00 is needed in capital improvements at our old museum location. Preserving Wauseon's first high school building, the county's first hospital, and our old museum must be a priority for this organization.

Many of our members wanted us to keep this building, so to do that, we need to preserve it. We use this building for artifact storage, so temperature and humidity control there is essential. We also use the building for programing space and have exhibits from 1890 to 1950. The building is also available for rentals (*showers or small get-togethers*). The improvements needed are:

- * New furnaces and air conditioning
- * Larger gutters and downspouts
- * Foundation drainage and stabilization

The State of Ohio has granted us half the money needed, so we must match those funds before we start. We have a generous donor who has agreed to match others' donations up to \$25,000.00. So here is your chance to make a difference. If you would like to help us with this project, you can send your donation to the museum or check the website for details. Any amount will be appreciated and helps make the \$25,000 match.

The Lobby Tile Wall

Tiles are still available if you would like to pay tribute to someone that is near and dear to your heart. Tiles are 6 inches square and cost \$125.00 each. All we need is a picture of the person or item you want to include. What a great way to share someone in your life with all of the visitors to the museum. It can also be a birthday or Christmas gift to someone who has "everything". Call or e-mail the museum for further details.

Recent Acquisitions



Earlier this year, these two beautiful furniture pieces were donated to the museum. The chair is upholstered with its original red velvet flocked upholstery. The matching settee has red velvet. These items came from the Howard Meyer Farm which is on the corner of Rt.108 and 20A.

Objects once owned by Fulton County residents help tell stories and make all of our exhibits possible. Former Board of Trustee member Lowell Yoder was an antique collector, and shared items with us over the past decades. Many of the items in our Merchant's Tent in our latest exhibit, "Meet Me At The Fair" are from the Yoder Collection.



This poster is one of the items in the "Meet Me at the Fair" exhibit that Lowell shared with us.

The year of the poster is possibly 1953.

If you remember this show or anything about "The Cavalcade of Stars" performing during the Fulton County Fair, please share with us.