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A Note from the President...

How are you doing? I hope you are taking good care of yourselves and your families. It's amazing what you miss, and I miss seeing all of you who regularly attend the Society's monthly meetings. Our last meeting was just as the pandemic was taking hold and now it's been seven months without a meeting. Please know that while we have not met in person, work is still being done at the History Center and with the Society.

I am happy to announce that the Historical Society has hired an Executive Director to lead us into the future at the History Center. Misti Spillman comes to us with an abundance of experience in museum, records and archives, and preservation management. The timing was right and thanks to a generous benefactor, we have secured Misti on a part-time basis. Look for a full announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone for sending in their ballots for the election of officers and board members. I will make the announcement of the election results in the January newsletter. I also want to thank everyone who renewed their membership or made an additional donation in 2020. Your support is important now more than ever. And I also want to thank Boord-Henne Insurance Agency and Wagoner Power Equipment, both located in Englewood, for their new corporate memberships. I hope you will call on, visit and support these new members and thank them for their support of the Historical Society and the History Center.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe,

Angie



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HISTORY CENTER HAPPENINGS

RTHS Announces New Executive Director



The Randolph Township Historical Society is happy to announce that Misti Spillman has been hired as its new executive director as of October 1, 2020.

Misti first became interested in history in the sixth grade. "My sixth-grade teacher taught us about ancient Egypt and when Dr. Robert Ballard found the wreck site of the R.M.S Titanic. I was hooked from that moment and my interest in history continued to grow," she stated. Misti received her bachelor's degree in archaeology from the University of

Evansville in Indiana and a master's degree in public history from Wright State University. She also completed historical studies abroad at Harlaxton College in England.

"I really love historic house museums and historical societies. They offer more authentic and intimate experiences and a glimpse of real history. They provide an opportunity to learn about local history whether someone is visiting or researching their family history. I am really thrilled about this opportunity and to work with the board of directors at Randolph Township Historical Society."

Misti grew up in Jackson Center in Shelby County and for the past five years she was the executive director for the Preble County Historical Society. Before moving back to Dayton, she served as education director of The Castle Historic House Museum in Marietta, Ohio, and at the Ohio History Connection as an AmeriCorps member. She also served as assistant archivist at Dawes Arboretum in Newark, Ohio after graduating from Wright State University.

In her spare time, Misti volunteers at Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum. She is also the business owner of Reviving Cemeteries, LLC. She has been restoring cemeteries and conducting workshops since 2011. Misti lived in Englewood for four years and now resides in West Milton with her fiancé and two rescue dogs, Alli and Zoei.

ACQUISITIONS

From Thomas Apple: Randolph Yearbooks-1953, 1954, 1955 and 1958; Northmont Jr. High School Yearbook-1960.

From Wilma Schroeder: Randolph Reunion Booklet, 50 years: 1953-2003

From Larry Crowell: Tac hammer and screwdrivers from Methard Sawmill, phone book cover showing Englewood and Union businesses (1976-1981).

From Mary Geiger: Randolph Township Montgomery County, Ohio 1850 census schedule.

From Clea Collar: 8x10 color picture of 1980 Northmont marching band on tour in Orlando, FL; three 3.5x5 color pictures of Englewood Sesquicentennial Parade in 1991; three 3.5x5 color pictures of Balloon Rally held at Englewood Park; three 3.5x5 color pictures of covered wagon caravan going across Englewood Dam; four 3.5x5 color pictures of Carson & Barnes Circus Parade in 1991 and one 4x6 color picture of the first annual Englewood Arts Festival held in 1979.

COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM



The Kroger Community Rewards program is an easy way to support the Society when you do your everyday shopping. To enroll in this program, register online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. It is always a good idea to check in on their website to make sure you are still enrolled in the program and that your donations are slated for Randolph Township Historical Society. Our organization number is **DC576**.

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Return this form with your check.

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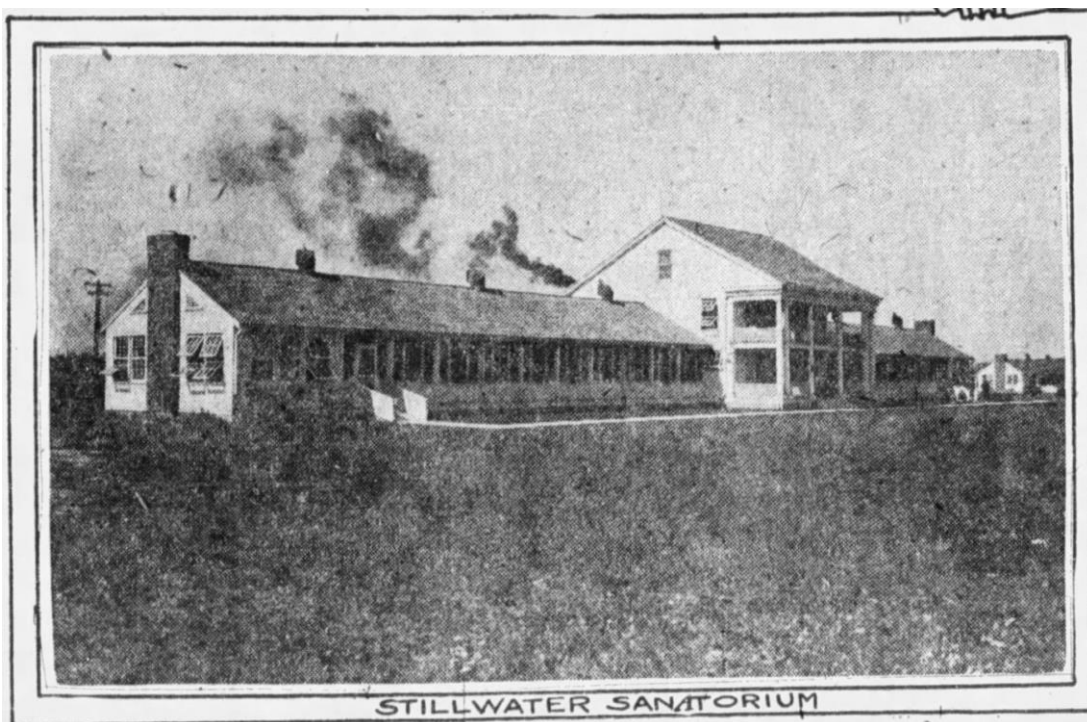
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"A city without public hospitals would be a city without that element of sympathy and mercy which enters into the progress and betterment of civic life."

From the *Dayton Daily News*, Sunday, November 25, 1923.

Membership Report* – Thank you to our new, renewing and upgrading members.

Cathy Allison
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Landes Fresh Meats, Inc.
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* as of October 10, 2020

In Memoriam

Betty S. Terry, a life member since 2004 and former council member for the City of Union died in July.

Robert Eugene Hine died in August. Bob owned Hine's Hardware in Union for more than 45 years. He was a former Randolph Township Trustee and Northmont Rotarian.

Life member *Richard "Dick" E. Weimer* died in September. He served on the Board of Directors of the RTHS, past president of Miami Valley Genealogical Society and past president of the Northmont Lions Club. He was the past Ohio Deputy Governor, Ohio Vice Governor and Ohio Governor of the Lions Club.

The society extends its most sincere condolences to their families.

About the Stillwater Sanatorium

Stillwater Sanatorium opened on April 25, 1918. The park-like grounds included five buildings connected by covered walkways and wooden bridges. The buildings included an infirmary, children's unit, ambulatory care unit, dining hall and auditorium. The facility was funded jointly by Montgomery and Preble Counties. The focus on the sanatorium was to serve the needs of tuberculosis patients and the institution proclaimed being state-of-the art in design and equipment.



In 1936, when another levy was on the ballot to fund the construction and equipment of a 100-bed addition, the Sanatorium was presented to the community this way:

- “1) To give care and intelligent treatment of tuberculosis people.
- 2) To give isolation of communicable cases of tuberculosis to protect others from contracting the disease.
- 3) To educate the tuberculosis patient to the end that the needs to not be a menace to those whom he comes into contact.

The time to treat tuberculosis is just as soon as it is discovered; under favorable conditions 90 per cent of early cases can be cured, but only a small percentage of far advanced cases can be saved.”

Sound familiar?

In 1945, a study by the Health Council of the Council of Social Agencies under the leadership of Dr. Bert D. Krug states that there were 599 known active cases of pulmonary tuberculosis in the city and county. In addition, there were 1,495 families with a total of more than 5,400 persons who were being treated by the tuberculosis health nursing staffs.



During the time of its operation, the sanatorium created an occupational therapy program. They kept patients busy with arts and crafts while they recovered. The men did leather working and created wallets, belts, handbags and book marks. The women focused on sewing, knitting and oil painting. All of these activities were done in their beds to prevent any strenuous form of activity. The program grew at a rapid pace and they hired a full-time therapist, Irene Neher, who received her training at Ohio State University. The sanatorium also had a circulating library with over a thousand volumes. By keeping the patients busy, this helped their morale while recovering from tuberculosis.

Due to advancements in the treatment of tuberculosis in the 1960s, beds were beginning to become unoccupied. In 1968, Stillwater redirected its focus to the emerging unmet long-term care needs of the community. In that year, 12 children from the community with intellectual and developmental disabilities were moved to the Stillwater Health Center due to the State's closing of a private boarding home. In 1976, a license was approved to operate the Children's Building as a specialized care facility. The children were permanently placed in Stillwater's Githens Hall, a thirty-room, red brick building that was constructed in 1949.



In 1989, a decision was rendered by the Montgomery County Commissioners to provide services for individuals with severe to profound developmental disabilities. The main facility was renamed The Stillwater Center on May 9, 1990. Construction of the current facility began in the spring of 2000 and opened in 2003. Today, the center houses 106 beds, with a 30-bed main facility, two 8-bed homes and five 12-bed homes. The homes were designed specifically for the resident population and their needs. The Stillwater Center is located at 8100 N. Main Street.

2021 Monthly Meeting Schedule

January 13	May 12	September 8	Meetings are at
February 10	June 9	October 13	7 PM Apr to Oct
March 10	July 14	November 10	1 PM Nov to Mar
April 14	August 11	December 8	