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A Note from the President...

Happy New Year friends! I am hopeful that it will be a happy, bright and prosperous new year for one and all. While I am saddened that the History Center has been shut down since last March, I am happy to report that great strides have been made in transforming the Center into a new museum. It is just at the beginning stage, but changes have been made and I think we will all be in awe of the work that Misti Spillman is doing in her role as Executive Director. Misti has the displays in the great hall in the Center nearly dismantled and she will now be utilizing the basement as a storage and staging area for our collections. New and on-loan exhibits will be displayed on a rotating basis allowing for visitors to see more of the items in the themed collections. I am looking forward to her first set of exhibits! Misti has settled right in at the Center and with the Society taking care of the day-to-day business of answering incoming questions and inquiries via phone, e-mail and Facebook. While I have been posting daily historical newspaper articles about the township each morning, Misti has been scanning photos in our collection and posting them in the evening. This has greatly increased our on-line presence and we about to surpass 900 "likes" on our page. Misti sold the three benches that were along the walls in the great hall to a gentleman living in Illinois. This allowed us to add \$600 to our income! I hope you are as pleased as I am for the progress being made.

I want to personally thank Wilma Schroeder and Cleva Collar for the time and energy put forth in their roles as Corresponding Secretary and Sunshine Committee Chair, respectively. Both have stepped down from their official roles but remain members of the Society. Cleva is a ray of sunshine herself and I am sure her cards and letters to those members who needed a little sunshine were happy to receive her mailings. Wilma has worked tirelessly in keeping up with memberships and acknowledgement letters. While a rewarding position with the Society, it takes a lot of time in November and December when many people make their annual gift. We should all be grateful for the work these two ladies have done over their many years as members of the Historical Society.

I would like to say we will meet next month but I do not foresee that happening soon. I will make an announcement as to when we will meet again and when the History Center will be open to visitors. In the meantime, enjoy this newsletter with updates on the Center and two of our corporate members.

~ Angie



HISTORY CENTER HAPPENINGS

Director's Report by Misti Spillman

I hope everyone is doing well in the new year. Since we have been closed due to the pandemic, I am currently working on the collections and the exhibit space. The down time seemed like the perfect opportunity to redo our displays and expand the storage area downstairs. The goal is to reopen in the spring, pending the pandemic, and have rotating exhibits every 3 to 4 months. We will start collaborating with other museums in reference to artifact loans. This will keep our displays fresh and draw new people as well as people who have already visited the History Center.

We recently became members of the Northmont Area Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Museum Association and the Ohio Local History Alliance. These organizations will provide access to special programs, networking, conferences, grants and other resources that are beneficial for the Society. The goal is to get our name out there and for people to learn about our museum and research center. Our membership is growing and now is the perfect time to renew your membership for 2021 if you have not already.

We are looking for a volunteer who would be interested in helping as the Sunshine Committee Chair. This committee member's role is to send cheerful greetings by sending a card on behalf of the society to members on their birthday, anniversary or an illness and to send sympathies at the loss of a family member. If you are interested, please contact me at rthsdirector@gmail.com.

Great things are happening at the History Center! As always, thank you for your continued support.



(left) A snapshot of a couple of the displays that will be repackaged and will resurface in time within a themed display. (right) If you have not been to the History Center in a while, you can see that Misty is making great strides in clearing out the great hall to make room for more comprehensive historical displays.

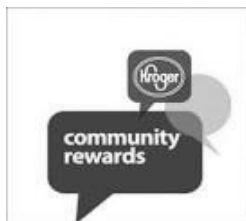
2021 Monthly Meeting Schedule

January 13	May 12
February 10	June 9
March 10	July 14
April 14	August 11

September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8

Meeting times:
7 PM Apr to Oct
1 PM Nov to Mar

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**.

Randolph Township Historical Society

RTHS History Center
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Englewood - 1841

Union - 1816



This photo from the late 1950s is looking north on St. Rt. 48 at the intersection of U.S. Rt. 40. Many will remember the businesses shown here: Zimmerman's Market, Pure Oil Station, the bank building, and the Shell Station that lent its name to "Shell Hill" that led down to the park.

Corporate Membership Spotlight: Wagoner Power Equipment



Founded in 1965 by Glen and Judy Wagoner, Wagoner's was once the go-to garden center in the community and Glen would often offer his gardening expertise in articles written for Dayton newspapers. The Garden Center closed in 2002 and soon the sons of Glen and Judy, Terry and Quentin took over the business.

Today, Wagoner's offers a variety of outdoor power equipment that is second to none in the area. The friendly and knowledgeable staff are happy to help you find either the perfect outdoor power equipment or the parts you have been looking for. Call or stop in — they are always ready to help!

At Wagoner Power Equipment, their mission is to offer you the latest in parts and products at the best prices, and with unparalleled service. They pledge to use their best efforts to make your experience both beneficial and enjoyable.

Wagoner's Power Equipment is located at 520 W. National Road in Englewood. Call them at 937-826-9611 or visit their website at wagonerpower.com for more information.

Corporate Membership Spotlight: Boord-Henne Insurance



For more than 50 years, Boord-Henne Insurance has provided home, auto, business and life insurance products to customers throughout Montgomery County, including Dayton, Englewood, Vandalia, Clayton, and Union. Founded by Ronald Henne in 1963, Boord-Henne has always been a family-owned insurance agency that believes in treating their clients like family with a hands-on, personal approach to customer service that will exceed your expectations.

Brothers Mike and Steve Henne, who are at the helm of the company as President and Vice-President, grew up in Englewood and have remained active in their hometown. Graduates of Miami University, Mike and Steve are now raising their own families here in the community they love. They are members of the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, and the Englewood Sister City Club. Mike and Steve understand the importance of doing business with people you know and trust as neighbors and friends. Excellent service does not end when your policy is signed. Boord-Henne will always remain your primary contact for your insurance needs, questions and concerns.

Boord-Henne is located at 915 S. Main Street in Englewood. Call them at 937-832-4001 or visit their website at boordhenne.com for more information.

We welcome all businesses to support the History Center and the Historical Society with a Corporate Membership. We look forward to you joining us!

Acquisitions

From William and Connie Bush:

Hard back book: The Studebaker Family in America, 1736-1986.

From Catherine Springer:

Pictures of Medley Family from Clayton.

From Sandy Roe:

Two binders of Englewood Council meetings from 1966-1968. One binder of firemen's training course information.

From Doug Allen:

Englewood Elevator thermometer/ruler and Palace Garage claim ticket.

Membership Report

New Corporate Member:

American Legion Post 707

New Individual Members:

Jeffrey Harding, Nancy Jerkes, David Oroszi and Beverly Trautwein.

New Lifetime Member:

Sandra Roe

Renewals for 2021:

Cathy Allison, Barbara Benson, John and Carolyn Bruns, David Brust, Doug Christian, Cleve Collar, Kathleen Dawson, Marilyn Ekerg, Shirley Frick, Romaine Gilleland, Jim and Donna Hendrickson, Judy Hodges, David Hoke, Jack and Bonnie Horstman, Clifford Humphrey, Dorothy Lurz, Myron Mann, Patricia Mulso, Gloria Mumma, Ronald Papp, Luis and Pat Riancho, Patricia Sayler, Charles and Phyllis Sheets, Barbara Weikert, Ron and Mary-Ann White, Beverly Zellers, and Allen County Public Library.

Thank you for your support!

In Memoriam

Ivan Clark died on November 21, 2020. He served as Vice President in 2017, President in 2018 and Board of Directors in 2019 at the Historical Society. Ivan helped the society with technology, communication, special projects and maintenance of the building.

Joyce Ann Martin died on December 5, 2020. She became a Lifetime member of the Society in 2012. She graduated from Northmont High School in 1964 and was a long-time member of Union United Methodist Church.

The society extends its most sincere condolences to their families during this time.

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SESQUICENTENNIAL 1841 - 1991

History of Englewood

A group of settlers followed the path traced through the area by the Stillwater River and founded what is now the City of Englewood on May 6, 1841. These pioneers included Mathias Gish, Daniel Rasor and Samuel Herr. Some of these settlers came from the area around Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and thus named the community Harrisburg. Other residents came from Randolph County, North Carolina, and named this township accordingly.

Harrisburg's first post office was opened February 8, 1870, and discontinued February 6, 1871. The post office was re-established on May 8, 1874, and the first postmaster was Harvey Iams.

The town was then renamed Jamton. However, at that time the capital letters J and J were the same in the alphabet and the town became known as Jamton.

In 1898 the local businessmen conducted a contest to choose a new name for the town. The name Englewood was chosen as the winner of that contest and the town Jamton was renamed Englewood.

The Village of Englewood was incorporated on May 5, 1914, and Jacob Hoover was the first mayor. Englewood became a city in 1971.

The official sesquicentennial Logo symbolizes the progress and transition of time for the city.

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