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SUMMER HAS ARRIVED DON'T MISS THE FUN AT WEAVER PARK!

General Information

The Hilliard station Chronicle is published by the Hilliard Historical Society located at 5274 Norwich Street, Hilliard, Ohio 43026. If you would like to submit an article for consideration please mail to:

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Articles from the membership for the Newsletter are welcome and may be submitted at any time for inclusion in the next planned Newsletter. Mail to the address or **Email:** NWFCHS@columbus.rr.com.
Phone: 614-876-5880

Upcoming Events

Annual Historical Society Picnic June 18

6:00 pm Museum Porch, Bring your table service, a covered Dish of Meat or Vegetables or a dessert. We will supply pop, tea and water. A membership meeting will follow.

Summer Concert Series June 29 to Aug 4

7:00-8:30 PM Sundays Pavilion

Franklin County Fair July 12-19

Hours: July 12 - Noon to 9 PM

July 13- 3 to 8 PM

July 14 to July 18 - 4 PM to 8PM

July 19 Noon to 6 PM

Village will be OPEN for the Fair

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!

Call Megan Martin 614-565-3210 or Barb Cash 614-710-1113 or please say YES if they call you.

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Board Meetings 2014

Wednesday July 2nd

Wednesday October 1st

Membership Meetings

Third Wednesday of every month; except for July, October & December which are the second Wednesday.

Message from the President

Tim Woodruff

The year is almost half complete. How time does fly! I have been very pleased for several reasons. The attendance at meetings is up. Members seem to be very willing to volunteer. Multiple projects have been completed. This makes me very optimistic about the second half of the year which normally is our busiest most important part of the year.

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message from the President

We are entering the wedding season; the Franklin County Fair is coming and plans are being formulated for Heritage Day. We will finish the year with the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. These major events highlight our year but there are many more things that help to make the society an exciting, growing, community oriented organization. We completed a docent training class; a walking tour of historical Old Hilliard; whose participants had a great time; we had a 4 ft. by 8 ft. events sign located by the fence entrance, from Avery Rd. installed by an Eagle Scout troop. This is a great new addition. We also purchased two 'OPEN' flags to be displayed when the village is open to the public.

We have instituted a regular advertised schedule of when the village is open to the public. We are open every Thursday evening from 6:00 to 8:30 pm and 1:00 to 4:00 PM on Sundays.

We have received permission from the city to begin renovation of the restrooms in the park into an old time gas/service station. The city has given us mulch to help make the village look better. This summer the city also plans to install additional sidewalks and repair some sidewalks in the Village green area.

The society is going to present to the city a request for annual funding in the amount of \$10,000. We need to continually improve the society over and above the before mentioned projects.

We still need to increase our membership. How can we appeal to individuals in the community to join the society? We need to increase our exposure in the community. We are working on a plan to connect with several organizations to create a community wide annual fund-

raising event. We also need to improve some displays and rotate others.

Finally, I want to thank all the members and volunteers for their continued support to help the society to continue to improve. Working together, we have made tremendous improvements over the last several years in many phases of the society in the museum, the historical structures and in the grounds at Weaver Park. Thanks to everyone,
Tim Woodruff, President

Report On the Walk Around Hilliard

By Theresa Montgomery

We want to thank everyone who participated in the historical walk on May 3rd. Although the crowds were not large, those who came learned a lot about Old Hilliard. Thanks to TV Fox 28 and Dana Turtle for covering the event on "Good Day Columbus" show. Ben and Randy were great as tour guides talking about our original old buildings and showing off our Model T truck & Model A car. My husband A.C. and I were interviewed for the show at Abners Restaurant, as that was where we first met some 67 years ago. And "no we have not been offered a modeling contract".

Thanks also to Pastor Chun for allowing us to see the Sanctuary in Old Cornerstone church at Main and Norwich Streets. Finally thanks to the Avery Lodge for allowing us to see their building which was originally the first consolidated school in Hilliard.

Thanks to Ben Buoni; who did a beautiful job painting the office area, the library and the upstairs Conference room.

Franklin County Fair July 12—19 We will need lots of volunteers for the Franklin County Fair . We hope you will please yes when Megan Martin 876-4128 and/or Barb Cash 710-1113 call you or you can call in advance to Volunteer.

Genealogy, 'Step-by Step'

By: Jennie Spring-Starr

Here is a real letter home from a local resident: **James Van Schoyck, a Civil War Soldier**

Battle of Pittsburg Landing-April 6 and 7, 1862: better known as the Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee.

On the night Of April 5th, the Confederate army under General Albert S. Johnston and General P.G.T. Beauregard followed the Tennessee River northward. Knowledge of the Union army moving into a southern location along Owl Creek, just west of the Tennessee River played into the Confederates scheme for a surprise invasion. The Union army was under the order of Major General Ulysses S. Grant with the field command of Major General Don Carlos Buell. They settled in bivouac style for the night on around a hollow known as the "Hornet's Nest."

James Van Schoyck was among this Ohio regiment. Ohio troops were joined by the 6th and 7th Kentucky divisions. The first day of the fighting, the Confederates had an upper hand. However, by the end of the day, the battle was considered a draw. General Johnson of the Confederate army was killed that first day, his second in command was General Beauregard: he decided against another assault of the Union army.... And withdrew for the night.

Victory was ours, claimed the Union soldier. The casualties for the two days: Union 1,754 killed, 8,408 wounded and 2,885 captured: and the Confederate army had lost 1,728 killed, 8,012 wounded and 859 captured.

I just heard you ask...the Union troops were 13,047 strong against the Rebel troops of 10,699. I heard you ask... James Van Schoyck came through without a scratch. He had gotten sick and was sent behind the enemy lines. He missed the entire battle. In a letter James Van Schoyck wrote on April 12, 1862:

"I sensed you were uneasy to hear from me after the battle we had at Pittsburg Landing. Well Rose Ann, I was not in the fight. I was sent back from Columbia, Tennessee to Nashville sick but I am getting better"

These letters have all been transcribed.. We are busy putting final touches on them. They will be published in a booklet. Take advantage to read this special project, thanks to the donation of Howard Crispin.

Important Information - from Christy Clark - Destination Hilliard

Heritage Day is Saturday October 11th from 11AM to 5 PM the village will be alive with all the sights and sounds of History in the Fall . As this is one of our largest events, **MANY VOLUNTEERS** are needed. Please contact Megan Martin at 614-565-3210. If you would like to be on the Planning Committee, contact Don or Shirley Russell at 614-876-2199.

Etiquette is Still Important in life (Editorial)

Emily Post is a name that we all remember from the past for correct etiquette. Much has changed since her days (she died in 1960) of being the person that had all the right answers of what to do in a given situation. Her legacy lives on with her great, grand daughter Lizzie Post. If you need today's proper etiquette for weddings, when hugs and kisses are an appropriate greeting, etc. go to her website at **Emily Post.com** or buy her book **Etiquette Advantage in Business**.



News From The Historical Library

By Ruth Lichtensteiger

Warm weather is here and we are enjoying it at the library. Trees are in bloom, the grass is green and it is lovely to sit out on the porch for a break from paperwork!

Activity is increasing here!

In April, we had a genealogy class on how to do German Genealogy research taught by Russ Pollitt who is the genealogy specialist at the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Great information was shared with us! This month we traveled to the main library to view the Palatines To America Collection of German history and genealogy information. It is a huge and valuable resource for anyone hunting their German ancestors.

On June 19th, we will have our next genealogy class with a couple coming from one of the Mormon Churches in Reynoldsburg. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has amassed a huge amount of historical records from all over the world and they have a treasure trove of genealogical information for us to wade through. Our speakers will guide us through the various types of records and teach us how to know which ones will help us find the information for which we are looking. It will be from 7:00 – 8:00 pm at the Historical Library.

We will be having no genealogy class during the month of July due to the Franklin County Fair. We are involved so much as a society at the fair so it will be a time of some rest for our staff.

I would like to thank our volunteer staff at the Library: Theresa and A.C. Montgomery for all of their organizing at the Library, Thelma Almeng for all of her office work, Randy

Smith for keeping our building together, Howard Crispin for the scanning work he did on our Civil War letters, Pat Peterson for her continuing tedious work for cataloging each book, Bob Peterson for his work on the Society newsletter, Megan Martin for her work on the obituaries that have been collected on Hilliard residents in the past and Jenny Spring-Starr for all her exhaustive work translating the Civil War letter collection. Thank you all for all hard work you do so willingly.

Ruth Lichtensteiger

New Genealogical Service

(For Members Only)

Starting on June 5th we will be adding a new service to our library activities. Jennie Spring-Starr, our resident genealogist, will be spending time on each Thursday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM answering genealogy questions. If you have hit a “brick wall” on your search for ancestors and would like some help, you can call the library (614-876-5880) to schedule an appointment with Jennie. There will be no charge to members or you may join the Historical Society, then ask for Jennie’s help. This is a rare opportunity to get your genealogy search on track from her vast experience in genealogy research. She is very willing to spend time with us answering our queries and possibly redirecting our research focus.

An Interesting Sports trivia (Editorial)

The Rich are getting Richer:
In 1931 Babe Ruth was paid \$80,000. per year to play baseball. Not bad for Depression times. That would be \$1,360,332 in 2014 dollars. Today the highest paid baseball player makes close to \$30,000,000 per year.



Tales From the Log Cabin

By Megan Martin

With May & June, comes the “plantin” season. The same as our gardens today. The pioneers would plant a variety of vegetables, such as: onions, beets, asparagus and cauliflower, may used for medicinal purposes. Onions were used to clear sinuses, and to draw out a bee stinger. Beets were used for gall bladder attacks and also “female” troubles. Asparagus helped kidneys, and the bladder. Cauliflower was used was used like cabbage for everything from rheumatism to obesity.

*Many pioneer women also had a small herb garden. Both types of gardens were the responsibility of the women in the household. The herbs, fresh or dried, were used in daily cooking to improve the flavor and to aid in digestion and health. The women who's knowledge of herbs flavoring magic medicinal value or other purposes, often established her reputation as home maker. Many who became quite proficient with herbs became sort of a “doctor” for the village and many were also midwives, assisting in child birth. Those women could concoct remedies for jaundice, hysterics, coughs, sore throats, colic, consumption, toothaches, corns and many other health problems. Some of these remedies seem fantastic and beyond the remotest stretch of the imagination; some as ludicrous and others are founded on sound principles and undoubtedly produced excellent results**

**Early American Herb Recipes, Alice Cook
Brown Dover Press Publications, Inc.
1966, page 11.*

(.....More from the Log Cabin)

If the housewife had time, energy, and pride in matters of good grooming, she made various products. Many women were able to make their own cologne, perfume pomade, soap, tooth powder, and tooth brushes. She might also make for the men in her family, shaving materials and lotions to promote the growth of hair. (seems balding was a concern, even in pioneer days).

We have various herbs hanging in our Log Cabin in the Historical Village that were planted and grown, then dried for these different purposes. For example: Sage for flavoring in cooking, Tansy to ward off insects and made into tea for “nerves.” Hysop makes a tea for an upset stomach. Yarrow was grown and used for colds and fevers.

Thanks to our Historical Center Librarian, Ruth Lichtensteiger, we will be planting a new Herb Garden behind the Log Cabin. Ruth has purchased and donated 10 Herbs. We are excited to fresh plants to hang in the Log Cabin this Fall.

I am sure many of you might remember “cures” from your childhood. If you know some remedies, please Email them to us so we can place them in future Newsletters. You can also call the office (876-5880) and leave a message for me.

Thank You

Megan Martin

Website Update

By Daryl Walters

The webpage for the society is still in the process of being updated. Besides the overall look, full page calendar, easier navigation, and links to other historical sites; there are other exciting features that will be added to the site. As we have reported, the Society has deciphered several Civil War letters and are excited to share the stories with our members. There is one in this Newsletter from Jenny Spring-Starr in this newsletter on page 3 and there are plans to have them on the Website as well. Also there are two long term projects that are in the works.

1.) Historical Photograph Collection Project

The Society is collecting photographs for the Hilliard Historical Library. We are asking everyone in Hilliard all or any photographs they may have at home, in a shoe box, in the closet, in a photo album, or even on the computer that will help tell the story of the History of Hilliard. Photographs can range from: the first train, farms, landowners, original businesses, buildings, vehicles, schools, town gatherings, family outings, churches, parades, high school hops, up to the present day events of interest . The Society can scan the photos as well as accept the photos in digital format . Call the Society at 614-876-5880 or attach them and email us at: NWFCHS@columbus.rr.com. We can then arrange to collect them and scan them for you. All original photo will be returned to the owners. Several individuals that grew up in Hilliard, have already begun to talk about how life was in their early years. Some of the stories are about Hilliard when the population was just over 500 people; when the graduating class was consisted of 57 students; when the evening pastime was viewing new movies

Were projected on a building downtown for all to see; and when local town's people stopped what they when doing to volunteer to help fight a fire. In most ways times were different back then, but neighbors helping neighbors has not changed.

2.)Tell your story about Hilliard

If you are interested in telling your story about life during the early years of Hilliard, contact the Society to arrange a time to tell your story. There has already been a get-together on May 24th and there are many more planned. Call the office and be in on the next meeting! We look forward to hearing from you.

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IMPORTANT REQUEST!!

EMAIL Communication

We really would like to communicate with members as much as possible by Email. It is quick, timely and saves us costs in regular mailing of this Newsletter and other communications. So if you have an Email address where we can get in touch with you, just send an Email to the address above and say "here is my Email address"

Thank you for your support in this,