

Ohio's Small Town Museum in Ashville

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THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER

We hope it is not, but if your name does not appear on page 6, our records reflect that, as of 1/27/2011, you have not paid your 2011 dues. We hope you reconsider and help us by paying your dues. Due to free admission to the museum, we depend on membership dues to fund our operations and to maintain the building. In the event that our records are incorrect, please accept our humblest apologies and notify us of our mistake.

INDIVIDUAL	YEAR	\$ 20	LIFE	\$ 200
FAMILY	YEAR	\$ 25	LIFE	\$ 250
ORGANIZATION	YEAR	\$ 25		
SMALL BUSINESS	YEAR	\$ 25	(LESS THAN 15 EMPLOYEES)	
LARGE BUSINESS	YEAR	\$ 200	(15 OR MORE EMPLOYEES)	

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Artist Dirk Rozich explains some the elements of his 'Ashville Fourth of July Parade' Mural

THE MURAL DEDICATION

It was a sunny September Sunday afternoon when the mural commissioned by Mary Jo Py and Judy Nicely was dedicated in honor of Mary Jo and Judy's parents—Stanley Jacob and Ruth (Allison) Bowers. Teays Valley High School band members played and the AAHS choir sang. All of our County Commissioners were in attendance, They and Mayor Wise thanked everyone involved in making the mural happen. All in all, it was a great opportunity to express our communal pride.

DONATIONS TO THE AAHS LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND CONTINUE TO GROW

The AAHS Legacy Endowment was started five years ago to help fund the future operations of the AAHS. Those persons currently honored with a contribution made in their name include:

Georgia Mallory
Dale Logsdon
William Hinkle
Freida Hite
Mary Ellen Hinkle
Maud Elizabeth Hines

Anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution in anyone's honor to the Fund can do so by issuing a check to:

The AAHS Legacy Endowment Fund
c/o The Ashville Area Heritage Society

The check may be sent to:
Treasurer, AAHS
34 Long Street
Ashville, OH 43103

WAR DECLARED BECAUSE OF FORMER ASHVILLE RESIDENT'S ACTIONS

Those who have taken a tour of the museum have heard about the former Ashville resident whose actions caused another country to declare war against the United States. The country was Spain and the former Ashville resident was Ensign Harlan H. Christy (later Rear Admiral H.H. Christy).

Turnbull, White. 2003. Our War with Spain for Cuba's Freedom. Page 26

VALUABLE PRIZE CAPTURED.

The most valuable prize yet taken was the transatlantic liner, Catalina, was taken by the U.S.S Detroit. The vessel's tonnage was 6,000, and with its general cargo the prize was considered worth nearly \$600,000. The big ship was bound from New Orleans to Barcelona, via Havana, with a large general cargo. Twelve miles before making port the steamer was stopped by two shots, and a prize crew under Ensign H. H. Christy, consisting of sixteen men from the Detroit and New York, was put on board to take the vessel back to Key West...

SPAIN DECLARES WAR.

The Spanish government did not wait for further aggression on the part of the United States, but herself made the next formal move by issuing a declaration of the fact that war existed, and defining the conditions under which the Spanish government expected to carry on the

conflict. This decree was gazetted in Madrid on Sunday, April 24, in the following terms:

Diplomatic relations are broken off between Spain and the United States, and the state of war having begun between the two countries numerous questions of international law arise which must be precisely defined chiefly because the injustice and provocation come from our adversaries and it is they who, by their detestable conduct, have caused this grave conflict.

SUBMITTING STORIES

We love it when someone takes the time to write a short article about someone who once lived here. There are stories about teams, about teachers, about events and more. We especially love ones about unforgettable characters.

If you would like to write an article about the area that we can publish in our newsletter please send your material to the Newsletter Editorial Board at:

34 Long Street
Ashville, Ohio 43103

Or E-mail them to:

aahs@ohiosmalltownmuseum.org

HONORING PICKAWAY COUNTY'S BICENTENNIAL

Pickaway County Bicentennial was recognized at the Ohio Statehouse during a session with Governor Ted Strickland. The Governor, members of the Pickaway County Bicentennial Commission and Ohio's Small Town Museum posed with the celebrated six-pointed star U.S. transitional flag that has come to be recognized as an important symbol of Ohio's early statehood.

Governor Strickland broke with tradition and had all of those present sit and invited a representative of the group to discuss the design, materials, construction, and symbolism of the flag. The representative indicated that the flag was found by Brian Meyers in the attic of his Ashville home during a remodeling project. Meyers donated the flag to the Ashville Area Heritage Society, where was preserved by Tom Zwayer and is now on permanent display at Ohio's Small Town Museum. The hand sewn



(L to R) Terry Frazier, Don and Ula Jean Metzler, Governor Strickland, Tony Robinson, Charles Morrison, Bob Hines, Charles Cordle and Mike Kindt pose with the U.S. Ohio Statehood Flag.

flag appears to be connected to the family of a veteran of the War of 1812 who served in the Pickaway County militia.

According to the representative, "the great thing about this artifact is that it connects us to the early citizens of our county and state in a way that few other symbols can. These early residents had barely started clearing the

land and building their homesteads when they were asked to leave everything to defend their state and nation against the British. In a way this flag represents the hope and sacrifice of that first generation of Pickaway County patriots. We are mindful that they must have felt immense pride in their new state just by the placement of Ohio's star in the center."

When the history lesson and photo session ended, the Governor led the delegation to the cabinet room next door to view a rare Civil War banner carried by the first black Ohio regiment. Governor Strickland had the banner encased and had a story board prepared by the Ohio Historical Society. He commented that such symbols as the 17-star flag and the Civil War banner remind us of the sacrifices our ancestors willingly made for the cause of liberty, that we ought to cherish and preserve them for posterity.

LOOKING BACK ON DARBYVILLE, OHIO

Mary Ellen Downs has produced an exciting historical record of Darbyville and Muhlenberg Township that covers politics, organizations, schools, businesses, entertainment and other facets of life. There are special features of people who have been successful in many fields of endeavor. The spiral bound book consists of 12 chapters in 239 pages. Obviously it was a real work of love assembling this exciting history. If you would like to purchase a copy of "Looking Back on Darbyville, Ohio – A Town with a Past", please contact Mary Ellen at:

Mary Ellen Downs, 8320 Carpenter Road, Orient, OH 43146, (740) 983-2790

TOUR GROUPS HELP THE LOCAL ECONOMY

There has been a sustained and noticeable up-tick of tour groups coming to Ohio's Small Town Museum. Probably what is less noticeable is that some of these groups are spending money in area at local restaurants, gas stations, and shops.

TROOP 159 EAGLE PROJECTS AID MUSEUM

There were two Eagle Scout projects completed at the Museum this year. Jason Witting's project involved managing the construction of display boxes to hold unique information and artifacts about particular historic events and local personalities. Josh Witting managed the resurfacing of the Centennial Square plaza. This involved removing the deteriorating brick surface and preparing a sand base for pavers.

Eagle projects have made significant contributions to the betterment of the museum and the museum grounds and are much appreciated. The young men who develop and manage these projects also learn a great deal about what it takes to implement a complex project. They learn how to adapt and lead. All in all, it is a wonderful program.

OHIO GOVERNORS AND THE 17-STAR FLAG

The U.S 17-star U.S. transitional flag honoring Ohio's statehood is such an important asset to our heritage that we are going to make every effort to insure that every governor of our State is photographed with the preserved flag.

OHIO'S TREE MAN IS FROM ASHVILLE

Ohio Magazine featured Service Forrester and former Ashville resident Brian Riley calling him Ohio's "Big Tree Hunter". The story noted that of the 263 trees documented by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to be the largest of their species, Riley is responsible for discovering 125. In 2001, Riley was able to nominate three trees that became national champions.

THANKS PLASKOLITE

Plaskolite Company continues to be a contributor to the development of plastic display boxes program at the museum. David Chan has generously donated ¼" plastic sheets that have been formed into clear cases that allow us to secure and display important historical objects. The support of companies like Plaskolite is invaluable to the further development of the museum. Some of the items that we have encased include:

- Ashville Enterprise wood block prints
- Ed Schlagel's puzzle set
- Production versions of Teddy Boor's light components
- Ashville Community Band coronet
- Thaddeus Cromley's Ohio Senate President Pro-Tem Mallet
- Sarah Fisher Bobble-head
- Snyder Jeweler's clock

New acquisitions that we would like to encase include:

- Joy Trone's Miss Ohio Pagent trophy
- Foreman Chevrolet toy car
- Ashville's first newspaper, The Ashville Enterprise

GRETCHEN HEDGES SRIGLEY SEITSINGER

Gretchen Hedges was born in Ashville, Ohio (April 11, 1919-January 3, 2010), the third of four children of Richard and Anna Hedges. After graduating as valedictorian of her class at Ashville High School in 1936, she earned a BA degree in Bacteriology and Medical Technology from OSU. She owned the Gretchen A. Hedges Medical Laboratory in Columbus, OH from 1941-1943.

Gretchen married Dr. Robert Sprague Srigley. They had three children. Gretchen worked at various hospitals

where her husband was stationed with the military. After operating a hospital in Hollis, Oklahoma for 10 grueling years, the Srigleys gave it to the Methodist Church and opened a medical clinic practice in Altus, OK.

After Dr. Srigley's death in 1973 Gretchen devoted her life to service organizations in the medical field earning Masters Degrees in Business Administration and Allied Health Education, and taking over Newark Methodist Maternity Hospital in South El Paso, which included Houchen Day

Care Center. She also opened a senior center.

Gretchen was active in the DAR. She was a lifetime Deaconess of the Methodist Church and served as Laity Speaker for the UMC Board of Global Ministries. She also opened a senior center

Gretchen is survived by Ralph Seitsinger, her husband of 25 years, three children, five step children, ten grandchildren and four great grand children and numerous admirers for her lifetime of service.

BRONCOS BOOK SIGNING AT THE MUSEUM

We asked Larry Fullen some questions regarding the publication of his book. Here is what he had to say:

AAHS: Did you reconnect with anyone as a result of writing the book?

There were several people I either reconnected with or strengthened current relationships as a result of writing the book.

Clint Teegardin was one of the biggest surprises. Clint left Ashville in his junior year of high school (my sophomore year) and moved to Upper Arlington. I saw Clint, infrequently, at The Ohio State University as we walked the same route to and from campus. I lost contact with Clint after college. He saw a reference to my book in a quarterly newsletter he receives from The Joseph Group, a financial investment advisory group in Columbus. Mark Palmer, one of the principals, was gifted a book by my son, Craig, who had done some consulting for the Joseph Group. Mark had played basketball for Bexley and played against the Whitehall team coached by Russ Gregg. Mark referenced the chapter of the "Striving to be Better" in his quarterly column. Clint, now living "his life in retirement" with his wife on a ranch in Fishtail, Montana, contacted me by e-mail. Clint is active raising Arabian Horses and a "photographer" of the west, <http://clint-teegardin.blogspot.com>.

AAHS: What did you learn by writing the book that you did not know?

I learned many things the most notable to me are the following.

First, I gained a more comprehensive understanding and appreciation of the sacrifices made by people in Harrison Township and through out the nation during the Great Depression and World War II. My hope is that some of the younger/current generations would appreciate the sacrifices in life and life style by "the greatest generation" and put those sacrifices in perspective to our present economic environment and expanding national debt. I could



Author Larry Fullen signs autographs for his book, Broncos of 1949.

not comprehend functioning on one pound of coffee every five weeks or four gallons of gasoline a week! I would like to see my wife limited to two pairs of shoes a year!

Secondly, I did not know that my father worked at the local grocery store to earn money to provide meals to the players before the games and for a few games used the store delivery van as transportation for the players to and from games.

Third, I did not realize that there were several Broncos basketball teams prior to 1945 (and we all know after that era) that "had the potential" to advance to the state tournament but unusual circumstances, injuries, and upsets were not in their favor.

AAHS: Would you do it again?

When you have a passion to want to do something special you tend to underestimate the time, the financial investment, and sacrifices in the other important priorities of family and life to do it. I did not expect it to take five years of effort to do this book. But once I got into it I was committed to finish it and to make it a book that was more than a rehash of basketball scores.

My writing instructor warned me I would re-write and re-write, edit and re-edit, possibly up to fifty times with some chapters. I did so!! As my AHS classmates will confirm I was a National Honor Society scholar BUT, I was not a good writer in high school or college, a lousy speller, and did not like to read. I had other interest. So, it

was an extra effort for me in editing and proof reading. Carolyn Stout Weigand and my wife were invaluable in this aspect of the writing project.

Inheriting my father's passion for history turned out to be like an albatross for me in this project. As I did my research through microfilms of old newspapers I would find things of interest that I wanted to research and verify. Many of the articles I have been writing for the Pickaway Quarterly come from things I became interested in while doing research for the book.

I can not truthfully answer the question whether or not I would do it again.

I can tell you the response to the book signing exceeded my expectations as have the response to the book after the book signing, including the sales on the internet. It has been gratifying to receive calls, e-mails, notes, and letters from long time friends, classmates, and people I did not know telling me they enjoyed the book.

I enjoyed the close connections gained with the players, widows of players, and cheerleaders from "The Team of 1945" during the research and writing of the book. The book could not have been written without the personal inputs of Russ Gregg and Dick Messick. I was surprised at the enthusiasm and willingness of some of the players of the teams Ashville played during 1944 and 1945 to contribute to the contents. Of course, I regret I waited until after Mom died to write the story as I know the book would have benefited from his personal perspectives and opinions. I will always regret "the questions I never ask of Pop!"

I do know that having my son Craig with me at the book signing in Ashville and seeing his enthusiasm for the event and then having my five year old grandson take the book to "show and tell" made it all worth it!!

*Larry Fullen
October 26, 2010*

GLENN CLAY ASSEMBLES A BOOK ABOUT HARRISON TOWNSHIP

AAHS: You prepared a short history book about Harrison Township and spearheaded a Bicentennial event for Harrison Township this last year. Why did you decide to do that?

Well, I had decided in December of 2009 that the least I could do was write a history book for the Bicentennial of the township but it wasn't until March 2010 I had decided to plan or try to plan a Bicentennial event. I decided to have a Bicentennial event because in 2007 I saw the 125th Anniversary of Ashville go by with nothing being done, it was then I decided that I wouldn't let anything go by unnoticed again without getting some sort of recognition. But I didn't think I was going to plan an event to make this happen.

AAHS: What was the most fun part about doing the research for the book?

The research for the book again started back in 2007 when I was working on articles for the Train Stop Monthly/Post. I had begun to plan an Ashville History book which I then turned into the Harrison Township History Book. I found the William Brothers Book and VanCleaf Book and decided to model my book after them because in those books they had each township divided into their own separate history and I found that interesting so I took inspiration from that. The funniest part of all the research I did do was being with Charlie and my Dad doing the research they would help me find whatever I needed and also share stories with me that helped me write the book. It was almost as if they helped co-write the book.

AAHS: What was the least fun?

The least fun of my research would have to be that it took me three years to gather it all into a book, that and the fact it took a lot of concentration and patience; two things I am not very good at, so it made it really hard to get through the whole project.

AAHS: You wrote about your Grandfather—Marshal Glenn Clay. What did you learn about him that surprised you?

Really nothing surprised me about my grandfather mostly because I had grown up on stories from my dad about him and the fact I was named after him I knew a great deal about him. It was actually this reason that I began to become interested in Ashville's history. I have to say it also got me interested in family history as well learning my Grandfather was a Marshall in Ashville and my other grandfather is a Veteran of the Korean war it made me extremely interested in where I came from and where my family began and Ashville and Harrison Township is just another chapter in my families history book.

AAHS: What is your next writing project?

My next writing project is a little off from my history project that I have been working on. I have just finished writing a book about vampires that is titled Cursed: The Daniels Family. I am publishing this book through Amazon.com. For information I will be updating my website glennclay.tripod.com about the book and when it will be published.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Can you believe it ? Another year has passed. Can you believe it ? We are in the same predicament we were in last year. We need volunteers and we need new members.

Due to the lack of new volunteers, we, for the first time in our history, have implemented winter hours. From December through March we will be open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00am until 3:00pm. We have Charlie Morrison working from 10:00am until 12:30pm and Charles Cordle working from 12:30pm until 3:00pm on those days. We need helpers to answer the telephone, to watch the museum store and to greet new attendees when the docents are providing a tour. We also need helpers to learn how to give tours. It is imperative that we use these resources (the current docents) while they are still available to us.

We have never charged admission and hope that we never will, but if we do not get more new members we may not

be able to continue business as usual. We had to replace the roof this last year and, although we had the funds to cover the cost, it really put a dent into our General Fund. We have so many lifetime members we do not get that great of an influx of cash at the beginning of the year (when memberships renew). We need more new members, so that we get a greater incoming of funds.

Special thanks go out to all of the "elves" that provided goods for our bi-yearly bake/ sidewalk sale. The sales have been huge successes and that is because of the donations made by you. Thank you all.

Special thanks go out to our "raffle ticket selling machine" Eleanore (with an e) Chandler. She sold "reams" of tickets at our summer picnic and at our Wendy's Burger Bashes. Thank you Eleanore.

And finally, special thanks to all the volunteers who have been there to help.

Mike Kindt

ASHVILLE AREA HERITAGE SOCIETY 2011 PREPAID MEMBERSHIP

Lifetime Members

Josie Ann Aldenderfer, Scott Allen, Barnes, B. Bruce, Louise Barr, Daniel D. Barth, Bob Bartholomew, Evelyn Bastian, Leo Berger, Dennis & Carol Blaney, Robert & Barbara Bowers, Robert & Katherine Boyer, William Boyer, Carl & Mary Bumgarner, Swanhilda Burgoon, Linda Burns, Ralph E. Burns, Barbara Carder, David T. Chan, Eleanore Chandler, Spencer Cheek, Christopher Jordan, Jim & Lyda Cook, Lisa & Mark Coon, Charles & Cleora Cordle, Max & Dorothy Cormany, Kay E Cremeans, Terri Cromley, Barbra Jane Cummins, Linda Cummins, Art & Ada Lou Deal, Joe & Eleanor Dean, Marty Dore', Kathryn Dum, Carol B. Duvall, Melvin C. Eisaman, Ellery & Pamela Elick, Wilson Ett, Bob & Debbie Forquer, Terry Frazier, Michael Freeman, Charles W. Fridley, Larry B. Fullen, Louella J. Garrett, Stanley & Donna Gloyd, Russ Gregg, Colton T. Tanner, Paul & Vivian Hickman, Annabell Hines, Chuck & Mary Jane Hines, John & Renee Hines, Nolan Hines, Robert & Diane Hines, William Hines and Margaret Sondey, Andrew Hite, Mary L. Holbrook, Ruth A Howell, Bob & Carol Huffer, Mary Hume, Tiffany & Angel Jackson, Rose Jamison, Hannah Marie Jordan, Kathryn Dunkel Kight, Michael Kindt, Dick & Loche Kline, George Kraft MD, Gale & Vicki La Rue, Dorene Leatherwood, Edwin Leatherwood, Gale & Ann Leatherwood, Mark & Cathy Leatherwood, Kate Lemon, Benis & Carolyn Lutz, Robert Mabe, Charles & Charlene Malone, Max & Shirley Marion, Jack L. McCallister, Charles & Delores Messick, Richard & Violet Messick, Ralph A Mets, Ula Jean Metzler, Robert Graham Miles, Brian A Miller, Linda M. Mithoff, Michael & Janet Moore, Belva Lou Morrison, Charles D. & Rhonda Morrison, Charles W. & Mona Morrison, Walter & Lori Myers, Al & Judy Nicely, Robert & Edna Nothstine, Paul O'Day, Boyd & Sandy Oliver, Jacqueline Olney, Kathryn & Herman Baum Petty, Pickaway County Historical & Genealogical Society, Mary Jo Bowers Py, Darlene Quick, Betty L. Richards, Thomas & Eileene Rife, David & Janet Roese, Dirk & Nicole Rozich, Gretchen S. Seitsinger, Bill Sherman, Brent & Kendra Sherman,

Elizabeth Sliwinski, Eleanor Sondey, Roger & Patricia Southward, Pamela S. Starr, Robert L. Swoyer, Judith Thomas, Daniel Truex, Barbara Younkin Valentine, Virgie Vause, Andy & Pam Ward, Hildegard Ward, Louise Warner, Betty J. Wears, Carolyn M. Weigand, Susan J. Wendt, Kendall Wharton, Merrily M. Williams, Eugene & Jane Wilson, Marge Wilson, Michael & Sandra Willson, Pamela Woodruff, Mary Irene Younkin.

Individual and Family Members

Eleanor G. Barr, James F. Craycraft, Richard & Barbara Cummins, Gretchen Featheringham, Teresa Fisk & Brandan, Donald Forquer, Chester & Arlene Fortner, Barbara J. Frazier, David & Peggy Gamble, Darryl & Jodi Glick, Gay Henson, Joseph & PJ Hoover, Grant & Robin Hossfeld, Charles Hulse, Wilma A. Immelt, Mark & Kim Knore, David & Marjorie Kraft, Herman E. Luckett, Jim & Marty Mathers, Robert M. Peters, William Plum, Lisa Rathburn, Charles & Wilma Sark, Herbert Seymour, Roy & Ellen Spung, John Swingle, Gary W. Throp, Harold B. Tosca, Carol J. Tussing, Larry & Rosan Ward, Harry Webb Jr., Martha Wharton, Jo Ellen Essick Wilburn, Mary Virginia Wilson, Elaine Winter, William & Suetta Winters.

Mutual Membership: Pickaway County Historical Society

Organization: Harrison Township

Large Business: The Savings Bank

2011 AAHS FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets

General Fund

Checking \$ 21,452.43

Restricted Asset

AAHS Endowment 22,528.59

Total Assets \$ 43,981.02

Liabilities

Total Liabilities \$0.00

Net Worth

Total Net Worth \$ 43,981.02

VICE PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

I hope you, as members, remember every time you see the letters AAHS it is for our Small Town Museum. I, the Vice President, would like to invite all members to come to the museum to see the new addition if you have not seen it. Also I would like you to know that being a member invites you to come to the monthly meetings as it saddens me that we have the same 8 or 10 people at these meetings. Also with membership comes the help you can give by answering the phones, sweeping the floors, dusting the displays, shoveling the snow off sidewalks in winter, attending the annual picnic at the shelter house in our park, and bringing food for the food pantry when you attend our great banquet at Christmas. Did you know we have lots of visitors at the museum? Sometimes in groups and sometimes a family of 4 or 5? We have had people

come from Columbus, Grove City, New York, Florida, and we are very fortunate to have Charles Morrison there to give them the tour. He takes time to show them Buster, Chic-Chic, the traffic light, books written by local people, trophies worn by our local people, the cost of seeing our Great Dr. Hosler, an old permanent wave machine and so very much more. We have a great display of the Senior Pictures of the Ashville High School. We have a room full and I mean full of history that our Dorothy Cormany works hard to keep up to date. I hope you read all this and as a member you realize you have a part in all of the above. Thanks for being a member and I hope to see you in the future and hope 2011 is a great year for all of us.

Your Vice President

YEAR IN REVIEW – 2010

By Rose Jamison

Memorials Clyde Speakman, Gretchen Hedges Seitsinger, Butch Webster, Dons Oakes.

2010 ACQUISITIONS

- New Kodak Easy Share Camera, with battery, Z915 Black Bundle for \$179.98 purchased in January.
- Vacuum
- Three 3 Piedmont Cigarette Folding Chairs, once owned by Clyde Brinker.
- Sock making machine
- Plastic model of 1950 Chevrolet, advertising tool of Foreman Chevrolet Motor Sales
- Joy Trone's trophies
- Old bottles, etc, found in Katie Dum's Carriage House
- Three trophies from Walnut High School
- Book of Poetry: Author, Gale Leatherwood
- Three books by Author, Donna Jarrell
- "The Better Part of Valor": Author, Trish Bennett

FUNDRAISERS

- Our April Burger Bash netted \$240.00
- Our June bake/yard sale netted:\$235.25
- Our August bake/yard sale netted \$280.50
- Our September Burger Bash netted \$244.00
- Membership renewals are lagging.

GUEST SPEAKERS – PROGRAMS

Marilyn Clifton, Teays Valley VIKES Advisor, and her students who attended the Pathfinder Space Camp in Alabama, told of their experiences at the camp.

Darlene Weaver, director, and Ralph Woolever, long time volunteer of the Pickaway County Historical and Genealogical Society, presented a program on historical events and characters with local connections.

Bob Hines relayed many 'surprising' facts about Ashville residents; later, he presented a slide show showing various display panels located throughout the museum, to be used as a training tool for volunteers.

Diane Eaton, Wellness Director, Berger Hospital, and her husband showed slides of their year-long bicycle trip around the USA.

USA TRANSITIONAL FLAG CENTERPIECE OF BI-CENTENNIAL

In March, Our USA Transitional Flag was the centerpiece for the Pickaway County bi-centennial kick-off.

HARRISON TOWNSHIP HISTORY

In June, Glenn Clay hosted the Harrison Township Kick off Ceremony at the Marvin Webster Memorial Park in South Bloomfield. Rick Wilson and Chuck Wise, mayors of S. Bloomfield and Ashville, respectively, and Pickaway Co. Commissioner, Ula Jean Metzler were featured speakers.

AAHS Trustees agreed to take Glenn's Harrison Twp. History books on consignment. Glenn will donate \$5.00 per book sold at the museum.

ASHVILLEOHIO.NET

Webmaster, Michael Moore, has placed "What Travel Writers Are Saying About Small Town Museums", plus the 2010 Ohio's Small Town Museum in Ashville Newsletter on ashvilleohio.net.

Also, "newspaper archives.com" includes John Oman, pioneer aircraft inventor; Ashville Bank Robber; and Isham Randolph who was a civil engineer connected with building the Scioto Valley railroad/Panama Canal/Everglades National Park, etc. Isham was a nephew of Thomas Jefferson.

MUSEUM UPDATES

Display Boxes The museum houses many valuable, one-of-a-kind, items which must be protected from theft. David Chan at Plaskolite has donated plastic for display boxes.

Work is underway to obtain a new red-white-and blue "Ohio Small Town Museum" replacement sign.

Pickaway County Community Action Work Day. Approx 15 volunteers from Pickaway County Community Action (PICCA), worked at centennial garden, mulching and cleaning.

Bond Roofing completed re-roofing of the original museum building May 10, 2010. Bob Mabe donated \$500.00 toward the \$3,400.00 estimated cost in memory of Eugene Borror and Franklin Smith.

Bob Hines looking for photos of former occupants of the present Ashville Museum; e.g. Peters Gas Station/ Zero Locker; Dreamland Theatre, etc. If anyone has photos or signs showing what any of these looked like, please contact Bob.

Larry Fullen, assisted by his son, Craig, and several museum volunteers, along with members of the '45 basketball team, autographed copies of his book, "Broncos of '45."

Bob Hines, Charlie Morrison, Charles Cordle and Mike Kindt met with Governor Strickland and had their pictures taken with the USA Transitional flag.



Summer Bake Sale



2010 AAHS Christmas Party

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Year in Review – 2011 continued

Autographed Quilt 960 names have been identified and recorded by Dorothy Cormany and Belva Morrison. These names were entered into our computer database.

Class Pictures Michael Moore and Brian Miller placing all AHS graduation pictures online.

Jail House Painting and renovations have been made in the old village jail house. New flooring and ceiling has been installed. The village has offered the building to AAHS/Museum. Trustees voted to accept the building.

Christmas Party was held at the Rick Brown Memorial VFW in South Bloomfield.

Visitors

- A group from Logan Elm Care Center
- 20 on a scavenger hunt
- 75 first graders from Ashville and Walnut Elementaries toured the museum.

Slide Show Bob Hines has prepared a slide show, showing various panels located throughout the museum, as a training tool for volunteers.

Recipe Book The idea for a recipe book was conceived in late 2009. With lots of input and hard work by volunteers, 100 books were printed in late June, and 100 were sold for \$10.00 each in a short period of time. A second printing was required to fill demand.

The phone/internet system was restructured. Dialing "9" for an outside line is no longer necessary.

2010 4th of July T-shirts

- 1st: Jess Passen \$50.00
- Runner Up: Sara Tussing \$25.00
- Runner Up: Johanna Lipporen \$25.00
- Artistic Merit: Kelsay Clay
- Artistic Merit: Kori Fogg

