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August

Newsletter

OLDE THYME FAYRE

As you plan your garden and contemplate sewing and craft projects.....keep the Olde Thyme Fayre in mind. Mark your calendars now for this year's Olde Thyme Fayre - Sept. 7 & 8. Tend to your gardens and flowerbeds, keep on knitting, crocheting, painting, weaving, quilting - etc., etc. - as we have our judges lined up and a good supply of ribbons.

Twinsburg's own twins, Betsy and Susan, are committed to another bake sale Saturday morning at 10AM and the Humane Society will be on hand that afternoon with "special attractions". We'll have snow cones Saturday, an ice cream truck Sunday, and Kids Krafts both days. We have brought back a favorite this year, Candle making. Please check our facebook page in August along with our next Newsletter for more plans and details.

PRE-EVENT: Search a word puzzle. If you download these and complete them you can enter into a drawing. Completed papers will be put in a jar and a winner pulled for fantastic prizes. You can only enter the drawing by attending the Olde Thyme Fayre and placing your completed puzzle into the appropriate jar in the Barn. You can download them from the website or Facebook.

Friday evening - Home crafted goods, Garden Vegetables, Flowers and anything else you think would be appropriate to be judged, brought to Museum between 5-7PM to be registered.

Baking Contest: "Kitchen Sink Cookies". Bring 6 of your favorite baked cookies with what ever kind of added goodies you like to put in them. (M&M, Reeses, Hershies, Etc.) We only need 6 for the contest. All of the baking for the contest needs to be dropped off at the Barn on Friday between 5-7PM or no later than 9AM on Saturday. If you have more and want to donate them to the bake sale, package them in quantities of 6. We will be glad to sell them. If your cookies contain nuts or any nut products of any kind please let us know.

Twins Days Meets Locust Grove

On Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 6:30PM, any Twins that are in town for Twins Days can meet at the parking lot behind the Twinsburg Historical Society (8996 Darrow Rd.) for a tour of Locust Grove Cemetery.

The idea is that we can show some of our history with a "Mini Tales of Locust Grove" to the Twins that are in attendance for the annual Twins Days Festival but are not able to get to the "Tales of Locust Grove" in October.

Sally Nick and identical sons Skyler and Spencer Nick have come to Twins Days for over 30 years. When they get into town their first stop is at Locust Grove Cemetery to clean and decorate the graves of Aaron and Moses Wilcox, the namesake of Twinsburg. 2 years ago they came back in October to see our fundraiser "Tales of Locust Grove". It was after a return trip with other twins, that the idea to share the Locust Grove history could be presented before the Twins Days Festival. After the tour, you are more than welcome to walk back to the Museum and Freeman Barn to see more of the history of Twinsburg.

We hope this event will show how rich our history is and that Aaron and Moses Wilcox are the twins that started it all for Twinsburg.

We will accept any monetary donations that you feel free to give to the Museum or at the Cemetery. This money goes toward the maintaining of our buildings, Locust Grove Cemetery and keeping the history of Twinsburg Alive.

Mark Your Calendar

7/25/2024, **Special Event**, "Who-Dun-it", 6:45PM, Ticketed Event, Tickets going fast, See info in newsletter.

7/28/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

7/31/2024, **Twins Days Meets Locust Grove**, Locust Grove, 6:30PM (Donations Accepted)

8/2/2024, Special Twins Days Open House, Museum, 2-4PM

8/7/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

8/25/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

9/4/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

9/7/2024, **Special Program**, Olde Thyme Fayre, 10AM-5PM, Museum and Freeman Barn.

9/8/2024, **Special Program**, Olde Thyme Fayre, 12-5PM, Museum and Freeman Barn.

9/29/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

10/2/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

10/4/2024, **Special Program**, Tales of Locust Grove, 6-8PM, Museum, Freeman Barn and Locust Grove Cemetery. (Ticketed Event)

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JULY 25 - AN ADVENTURE!! Tickets are almost gone!!

Here's a chance to visit the Cleveland History Connection (part of the Western Reserve Historical Society) and have a fun-filled evening! Join others in the Twinsburg Historical Society as we party at the home of Cleveland Mayor Newton D. Baker.

It's 1914 and the height of the women's suffrage movement. We, and others of Cleveland's elite, have been invited to a party at the Mayor's mansion. But tensions mount and there are whispers of scandal and deception. Our help will be needed in solving a murder mystery! The cost of the evening is \$35 (a group rate). This provides free parking, admission for the evening, one drink, and charcuterie. It also allows free access to the History Center, so arrive early and enjoy the exhibits before the festivities start.

The address is 10825 East Blvd. Guests are asked to check in for the evening by 6:45. Attendance is limited to 40, so it is wise to consider this now. If you are interested, leave a message at 330-487-5565 or email: thspresident1817@gmail.com

Olde Fashioned Fun

The crowd was small, but kids and adults had fun at the June 30 Open House. Outside we had corn hole, jump rope, bubbles, and new chalk decorations on the Barn parking lot. A visitor was driving by, saw the fun, and stopped in!

Inside, people played checkers, skittles, bananagrams, and Mancola. Those who tried enough games got to pick a prize - we had a tableful, thanks to Chuck Bonacci. And.... We have prizes left for *next* year.



Are you a person that wants to get involved with the Historical Society as a volunteer? Please consider signing up as a THS Volunteer. It is simple, Just fill out the Volunteer Information Sheet and we will put you on our Volunteer list. When things come up we will contact you and give you dates, times and what we need help with. You can download the form by scanning this QR Code. You can also fill out the online form on our website: www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org
(We have tried to accommodate everyone's level of technology for this)



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Renewing Members:

Cecilia Leonard (7yrs)
Steve & Karen Murphy (21yrs)
Veronica Hughes (7yrs)
Marilyn Maenza (6yrs)
Lana Verbic (10yrs)
Jill Mathieu (8yrs)

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SOLON TO TWINSBURG

A JOURNEY DOWN SOM CENTER ROAD,
NORTH STREET. ROUTE 91, DARROW ROAD, OR AS YOU LIKE IT

By William T. Gillie

Part 17

Katie Bonner's neighbors, about one hundred yards down the road, were Davies, later to become residents of our farm, and a numerous tribe of Dunscombes. The two families occupied the same large house just north of the tracks of the Wheeling and Lake Erie CW & LE, often renamed the Walk and Leave Early).

The Dunscombes kept to themselves although one of the older boys, Aubrey, put in some time as a hired hand on our farm.

The Davies family occupied the rear or west end of our house while Kate and I lived in the front half for a year in our first family home, for Douglas, our first-born, arrived during that happy but eventful year for the world. World War II started for us just then. The Davies were very easy close neighbors, not in any way imposing on time or privacy yet always there if neighbors were needed.

Across from the Davies/Dunscombe menage, thus, on the west side of the road north of the tracks, lived the family of Ed Gill, one of whose sons, Jay, I believe, attended what is now Kent State University, played football there, and served as strongman at carnivals and fairs. Impressive to all the young males of the community was the fact or rumor that the younger Gill had, in experiencing difficulty with a steer, taken such action that the steer died, its neck broken.

Moving south of the railroad, on the west side of the road was a house built by my grandfather who built several houses in Twinsburg. Its occupants were unknown to me but I literally broke a bicycle and very nearly myself in two on a

This Month in History: August

1994 Michael Jackson Marries Lisa Marie Presley

1892 The parents of Lizzie Borden found murdered

1965 Voting Rights Act Signed Into Law

1945 Atom Bomb Dropped On Nagasaki

1961 East Germany Border Closed To West Germany

1958 Packard Cars End Production

1950 President Harry S. Truman Places Railroads Under Army Control

1979 Lord Louis Mountbatten Murdered

1949 The Soviet Union test their first atomic bomb

1888 Jack the Ripper Kills His First Victim

Trivia Challenge:

Which of the following was a temple on the Athenian Acropolis dedicated to the goddess Athena?

- A. Angkor Wat
- B. Paestum
- C. Pantheon
- D. Parthenon

The most renowned of Greek temples and one of the most influential buildings in the history of world architecture, the Parthenon contained a colossal statue of Athena, whom the people of Athens considered their patron.

Answer: D

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