

# MUSEUM MUSES

*Telling Highland County's story for over 50 years!*

CHRISTMAS SHOP IS OPEN THRU DEC 22nd!

## CHRISTMAS IN THE MUSEUM

Each year the chairperson of the Highland House Holiday Decorations chooses a theme and 2018's is "Nature's Christmas". Each of our volunteer groups then meets with their members to design a unique take on the theme. It's as much fun for the museum regulars as well as our guests to see how each group has achieved the theme. This year is no exception.



While there are plenty of pine cones in use, the similarities end there. Cranberries, popcorn, dried plants and wood in all shapes and forms are all in use much like our pioneer families might have done. But one aspect of **Nature's Christmas** is probably a little different. Our pioneer families killed wild life primarily as a source of food but would never have consid-



## LINCOLN MOTHERS HONORED

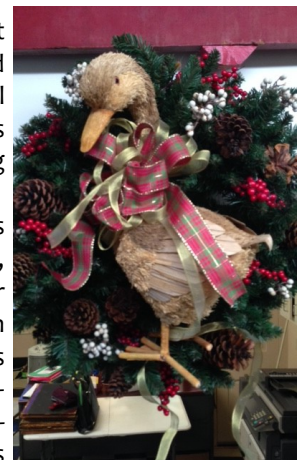


Senator Sherrod Brown has honored the efforts of the Lincoln School mothers with the **Women Making A Difference Award**, given at the Women's Leadership Summit held at Xavier University on October 6, 2018. Pictured are Lincoln mothers Zella Mae Cumberland and Elsie Steward Young with the beautiful glass award Highland House Museum is honored to have this award along with the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame plaque in the Lincoln School Exhibit room.

ered it a holiday decoration. Fast forward to modern times and you'll discover how several groups incorporated both fowls and mammals into decorating schemes.

There are five decorated trees on the first floor of the museum, five in upper front floor and four in the upper back portion. In addition many of the open areas of the museum are also decorated. A big thanks goes to the following groups and individuals who helped with this project:

Southern State Community College Theater Group, Hillsboro Woman's Club, Esoteric Club, Highland Co. Retired Teachers Association, Towne Club, Hillsboro Garden Club, (continued on page 5)



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- Hillsboro Uptown Business Association (HUBA)
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- Ohio History Connection
- American Association of State & Local History (AASLH)
- American Alliance of Museums (AMA)

MOSES TRIMBLE

With the help of Craig Turner at Turner Funeral Home and Justin Harsha of Harsha Monument, we have applied for a United State Soldier's Monument for Moses Trimble, who is buried in Hillsboro Cemetery with no marker. With the assistance of board member, John Willis, we will be locating the exact spot of Moses' grave to be prepared for the receipt and installation of the marker. We are hoping Moses will be visiting us in our next Ghost Walk to tell his story.



1918-2018  
**BELLS OF PEACE**

A World War I Remembrance

November 11, 2018 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of signing the armistice that ended World War I. At 11:00 am on Sunday, November 11, the Historical Society will honor that anniversary by ringing the bell in front of the Highland House. The names of the thirty-two

Highland County soldiers who died during the war to end all wars will be read and a flag will be placed in their honor. Raymond Stout will be recognized as the first soldier from Highland County who was killed in the war.

The public is invited to attend.

New Ohio Historic Family Farm

On Tuesday, October 25, the SR 138 family farm owned by Society members Sandra and Larry Nartker became the 32<sup>nd</sup> Highland County farm to enter the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Ohio Historic Family Farm Program.

According to Sandra, the farm was purchased in 1900 by her great grandfather, Robert McNeil. It has remained in family ownership through the years and was acquired by the Nartkers from Sandra's mother.

The Ohio Historic Family Farm Program began in 1993 and was originally named the Ohio Century Farm Program. It began with only a few hundred farms throughout Ohio proudly displaying the green, white and black signs as being certified by the State as having a continuous family ownership of over 100 years.

In 2016 the program was re-named and classifications for 150 and 200 year ownerships were introduced. With the recent addition of the Nartker Farm there are now over 1,600 Ohio Historic Farms scattered throughout Ohio.

The basic qualification to

noted with the Nartker Farm, statewide many farms enter the program through the wife's side of the family. This holds true in Highland County too.

HCHS Treasurer John Levo and his wife Kathy own a Century Farm near New Vienna and in 2016 were appointed ambassadors for the program by Governor Kasich. As ambassadors they serve at the grass roots for the program as the area contact for people interested in the program and the application process. Levo states he presently is assisting the owners of five farms in Highland and Clinton Counties work through the application process. He

says Highland County Recorder Chad McConaughy is familiar with and supports the program and can assist with the title research process. Levo may be contacted at 937-393-4951.



Larry & Sandra Nartker

enter the program is for a current farm owner to be able to prove the farm has been in an unbroken family ownership for a minimum of 100 years. As



## SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW HIGHLAND COUNTY?

Below you will find a list of towns which may or may not have been found in Highland County in 1901. Yes, there are some frauds amongst the list! Your task is to decide which of these towns actually existed in Highland County in 1901. Next, you need to locate each of the towns on the map below! We've given you the easy ones to start!

Remember—there are some towns masquerading as belonging to Highland County! Appleton, Barretts Mills, Bell, Berrysville, Bridges, Buford, Careytown, Carmel, Centerfield, Cochrans, Coffman, Dallas, Dodson-

ville, East Danville, East Monroe, Elmville, Fairfax, Folsom, Fort Hill, Gall, Gath, Greenfield, Gum Springs, Harriet, Highland, Hillsboro, Hollowtown, Leesburg, Littleton, Lodore, Ludwick, Lynchburg, Marshall, Mowrystown, Needful, Nevin, New Market, New Petersburg, North Uniontown, Overman, Paint, Pricetown, Pulse, Rainsboro, Ross, Russell, Samantha, Shackelton, Sinking Spring, Sorg, Sugar Tree Ridge, Taylorsville, Turkey, Willettsville, Winkle PO.

There are the towns. Enjoy the game and look for the solution on page 7.



## VISITORS TOUR MUSEUM

Many thanks to Leadership Highland, the Sardinia Historical Society and the Civil War Re-enactors from Urbana for touring Highland House. Tours can be arranged by calling the Highland House at 393-3392. While there is no admission fee, donations are greatly appreciated.



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## “Cooking Then and Now, 2018 Edition”

During the winter months Director Vicki Knauff ask me if I would take on a project to update a 1990 cookbook called “Cooking Then and Now”. There was only one copy of the original left in the gift shop and there had been numerous requests for it. Unlike most cookbooks, “Cooking Then and Now” had a large section devoted to the history of the Highland House and June Doorley who ran the Inn. It also included the founding of the Highland County Historical Society and its officers. The latter portions included favorite recipes of June Doorley’s as well as recipes from the earliest part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century through to 1990.

It was obvious from the start that information about the Historical Society and its officers needed to be updated. That presented its own challenges as Vicki Knauff and John Kellis sorted through the records to discover who had held what office and when. They’ll both tell you that was easier said than done. From there it was like many other projects: one thing leads to something else.

The 2018 version contains all of the original historic information on the history of the Highland House as well as recent improvements to the building. Information regarding the Lincoln School



Project and the Colony Theatre exhibit have been added. A list of the individuals and one group who have been inducted into the Highland County Historical Society Hall of Fame have been added. The history of the “Log Cabin” which sits behind the museum has been included in the 2018 edition and recipes by current community members have been added to those already in the book. The cookbook is currently in the process of being printed and should be available in the gift shop when the museum reopens to the public November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Projected cost for the book is \$12.00 and all proceeds will go to the museum.

I want to thank all of those who have helped with this project whether it has been proofreading, research, technical help, topic suggestions, rendering of the Highland House or recipes. I couldn’t have made it happen with their support.

*Kathy Levo*  
Cookbook Editor

## RECENT EVENTS

### LOG CABIN COOKOUT

More than 100 area residents took part in an evening of food, fun and fellowship on a warm and sunny Saturday, Sept. 15 as the Highland County Historical Society held its annual Log



Cabin Cookout and Auction behind the Highland House Museum in Hillsboro.

Ham and beans, coney, cornbread, coleslaw and desserts were on the menu ahead of local auctioneer John Grover taking the microphone and selling off dozens of donated items to the highest bidder.

“It was a great turnout,



and we appreciate everyone who helped make the cookout and auction a success,” said Vicki Knauff, director of the Highland House Museum.

Attendees included Jim and Jerri (Hogsett) Wheeler,

refugees from the hurricane. Jerri, daughter of Dr. Tom Hogsett, grew up here and has maintained an interest in the historical society, so it was only natural to attend the cookout since they were in town. She expressed her thanks at the kindness and many stories shared with her concerning her dad’s veterinary practice.

### OPEN DOOR EVENT

Before the cookout, Historical Society board member Bob Brown arranged a live reproduction of a radio



broadcast called “Four Point Man,” a 1951 show that was part of a program called “The Ohio Story.”

“Four Point Man” was a narrative on the life of Hillsboro native Dave Carroll, who was an outstanding athlete as a youngster but contracted polio while he was in high school. Despite his ailment that almost took his life, Carroll attended Ohio State, maintained a 4.0 grade point average and went on to become an attorney. Carroll was also a cousin of Hillsboro native and famous cartoonist Milton Caniff.

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## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Those of us working in the library were thrilled when Jennifer West called to see if we wanted the over 100 volumes of the local newspapers held in the county library. The library had run out of space and was looking for someone interested in them. Were Jean Wallace and I interested? You bet!

Those newspapers are now being stored in Scott House until we can get shelves built and order restored. Hopefully these books, the size of half a sheet of newspaper, and a year's

worth per volume, will be available for perusing sometime in the near future. There just is nothing like holding a book for those of us from the 40s.

Nancy Wisecup, Jim Rooney, Jean Wallace and I can't tell you how thrilled we are with the acquisition. Thank you, Jennifer. We know they are important to you too. It's difficult to make those decisions when you love books. An inventory will be available in the near future.

*Carolyn Hastings*

## Christmas In The Museum *(continued fr pg 1)*

Women's Ministry of Sinking Spring Community Church, 3 Arts Club of Lynchburg, Page Turner Book Club, Lincoln School Students, Lynn Neal, Connie Cummings, Helen Ford and Kathy Levo, chairperson.

The holiday season is an excellent time to visit the museum and get in the Christmas spirit. The children will love the decorations and both parents and grandparents can share memories of how their families decorated when you often had to rely on your own creativity ra-

ther than what was for sale in local stores. Remember there is no charge to visit but we gladly accept donations.

Be sure to take a look at Scott House as we are planning for it to reflect the holiday spirit as well. Since completing major restoration work earlier this year, we hope for Scott House to reflect how it might have looked when it would have been a private residence. Carolyn and John Kellis and Justin Harsha are overseeing this project.



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The Highland County Historical Society is always interested in gaining people interested in the history of Highland County as new members. They are our lifeblood. We realize that some of our newsletter readers are not members of the Society. Therefore we wish to reach out and invite them to join our group of people interested in preserving our local history.

Members receive our quarterly newsletter and can take advantage of discounts on almost all merchandise in the Museum Shop. Additionally you receive advance notice of programs and special events sponsored by the Society. You are offered the opportunity to meet others interested in our local history through volunteer opportunities, special events and programs. Members are afforded opportunities to join committees, plan new events and even be elected to the governing board.

However, the most important thing, in the long run, is that you help continue to preserve and disseminate the history of Highland County, not just within our group, but to the public at large.

If you are not a current member, we invite you to join with us. If you are a member, thank you for your support.

Please consider membership in HCHS for some of those on your Christmas gift list! If you have a hard to shop for person, what better gift than a year's membership! It is a gift that will keep giving. Remember, Single memberships start at only \$15 and Family membership at \$25. You'll receive a Gift Certificate to present to the new member.

Stop in Highland House, shop the MERRY MERCANTILE and sign up a friend or relative in HCHS!

## NEWS FROM OUR DIRECTOR

**SAVE THE DATE** – St. Patrick’s Day Brunch – Sunday, March 17, 2019

### Annual Meeting News

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting on October 16, President of the Society, Sandy Shoemaker presided over the election of Board of Trustees. Tara Beery, Sue Honeycut and Deb Koehl were elected to three year terms that commence January 1, 2019. John Willis was elected for a three year term as he had been appointed to the Board position. Carolyn Hastings was reelected and Sandy Shoemaker and Sue Boatman were elected as President and Vice President respectively for another one year term.

John Kellis expressed the Board’s appreciation and thanks to outgoing trustees Diane Jolitz, Justin Harsha and Steve Holland.

Director Vicki Knauff presented the **Volunteer of the Year Award** to **John and Shirley King**. The Kings have organized and helped sponsor several fundraisers over the past four years that have amounted to several thousand dollars. Their skills, time and dedication to HCHS is very much appreciated.

### Another Anniversary!

2019 will mark the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of Highland House and Scott House. Both buildings have undergone major renovations over the years and have served the community in many capacities. In order to showcase the historic landmarks, several events will be planned to highlight the roles they have played. Both will be

featured in the 2019 Home Tour. If you would like to serve on the planning committee, call Highland House at 393-3392 and leave your name and number.

**SAVE THE DATE** - Sunday, June 23, 2019 – Home Tour. Jennifer Jenkins and her committee will coordinate the event.

### Perfect Venue

Several clubs will be hosting their holiday parties at Highland House. The trees and decorations provide a beautiful setting for family gatherings and parties. Call Highland House if your family or group is interested in securing a date. Accommodations for up to 40 people can be made for a meal.

### Veteran’s Banners Removal

The Veteran’s Banners that have been on the poles in downtown Hillsboro since Memorial Day will be taken down Sunday, November 18. Banners will be returned to the buyer. Watch for more details in the local papers and social media. The banners are being removed to hang seasonal banners and because the winter weather would most likely ruin the Veteran’s banners.

Anyone who wants to recognize their veteran next year needs to complete an application, submit a photo and payment to Steph Roland at the Veteran’s Services Organization at the Hi-Tech Center. Sixty-five applications have already been submitted.

*Vicki Knauff*

## THE MERRY MERCANTILE



The Merry Mercantile opened Saturday, Nov 3 with a **GRAND OPENING and RIBBON CUTTING!** Liz Odland Keister cut the ribbon to open the event. This year we have 21 artisans displaying their wares, as well as our permanent **MUSEUM SHOP** vendors.

**ABBY JENKINS**—signs and art

**ALBERTA DUNCAN**—knitwear and decoratives

**AVERY APPEGATE**—“Just My Type” jewelry

**BRENDA ARMSTRONG**—Jewelry featuring vintage pieces; bandboxes

**BRENDA BRADDS**—pottery

**CHRISTY BAER**—Knitwear

**ERIC VAN DEN OEVER**—Cards, coloring books, tee shirts, back packs and totes featuring his artwork.

**JAYBIRD FARMS**—Lavender products, soaps, jellies, jams

**JESSY HEPPARD**—decorative pieces, lamps, etc.

**KATHY LEVO**—Jellies & Jams featuring blueberries and other fruits.

**LEAH MORGAN**—Soaps and scrubs

**LISA SAVILLE**—Pottery decoratives

**LIZ ODLAND KEISTER**—Decoratives and cards

**MARY HAMILTON**—Jewelry often featuring unusual objects.

**MIKE BICK**—Potter, towels

**PATTY HUBLER**—Pine needle pieces

**SHARON MCCOLLUM**—Knitted 7 crocheted items

**SHERRY KOEHLER**—Candy, cookies, cakes and soaps

**SUSAN HART**—Decoratives for the home; dried arrangements

**CAROLYN HASTINGS**—fudge

**STEPHANIE YOUNG**—honey and beeswax products

**TERRY VANCE**—Pottery items

Remember that we have many items in our MUSEUM SHOP from other artisans, greeting cards from **PAT ADAMS**, photography of **MARCO RENK**, and books by many local authors. Many of these authors will be featured on Saturday afternoons to sell and sign books from now until Dec 22.



## RECENT EVENTS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4)

Brown pointed out to those who watched the show that “Four Point Man” was authored by Frank Siedel, whose son, Jonathan, donated the narrative to the Highland County Historical Society more than two decades ago.

The show was part of Ohio Open Doors, which was held Sept. 7-16 at nearly 250 historic places around the state. Also as part of Ohio Open Doors, Hillsboro residents Anne Throckmorton and Steve Roush were on hand at the museum to reprise and discuss the “ghosts” they portrayed at

Detwiler (1841-1931), which still stands at 256 East Walnut Street in Hillsboro.

Roush, who is vice chairman of the Highland County Historical Society Board of Directors, portrayed Chauncey Gross, founder of the longtime Gross-Feibel Safe Company in Hillsboro. Gross, the great-grandfather of Roush, was born in 1871 and passed away in 1960. His company was originally called the Gross-Cooper Safe Company when it was founded in 1908, but became Gross-Feibel in October of 1909 after partner George Cooper retired and sold his interest to Jacob, Julius and Michael Feibel. The old Gross-Feibel factory building still stands today on North Elm Street near the Hillsboro High School football field.

The historic log cabin behind the Highland House was open during the day, with Hillsboro resident Mary Jo Copeland dressed in a vintage dress greeting visitors.



the annual Ghost Walk last month at the Hillsboro Cemetery.

Throckmorton portrayed Emma Samantha Saylor Detwiler, who was born in Hillsboro, then called Hillsborough, in 1848, and passed away at the age of 84 in 1933. Detwiler was an artist and some of her work is on display at the Highland House Museum. Her parents built a house for Emma and her husband, Leander



## MAP QUIZ ANSWER

All of the towns in the list were actual towns in Highland County except Appleton, Gum Springs and Ross.



## HOLIDAYS AT HIGHLAND HOUSE

Reservations are being accepted for parties, luncheons and family get togethers for the holiday season. Every room in the Museum is beautifully decorated and the large tree in the hall provides the perfect setting for photos. Call 393-3392 to learn more!



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### Our Mission Statement

“To encourage community involvement in the preservation, education and promotion of Highland County history and genealogy for the benefit of all people for present and future generations.”



## VISITORS TO HIGHLAND HOUSE

Folks come from many places to visit Highland House Museum. Since our last newsletter, we have welcomed folks from these places:

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Apex, NC        | Middletown, OH   |
| Bainbridge, OH  | Milford, OH      |
| Bethel, KY      | Mt. Sterling, OH |
| Chillicothe, OH | New Vienna, OH   |
| Cincinnati, OH  | Sandusky, OH     |
| Dayton, OH      | Sardinia, OH     |
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