



2020 Board & Officers

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Events & Programs for 2020 our 30th Year

All General meetings are held at the historic Church of God and begin at 7 P.M. unless otherwise stated.

Listen to WQKT for cancelations of meetings

- January 6 – General Meeting – “Appalachian Trail Adventure, Adam Briggs & Peter Schantz
Hostesses: Nancy King & Dorine Widder
- February 3 – General Meeting – “Lincoln Funeral Train,” Jerry Payn
Hostesses: Nita Downey & Marilyn Payn
- March 2 – General Meeting – **Celebrate 30 years of SCHS!!** Meeting at Green Local School High School with Jennifer Winkler. Hostesses: Pat Keirstead & Cheryl Long
- April 6 – General Meeting – “Meet Anna Bates: Giantess of Seville”; Re-enactor Patty Martens
Hostesses: Patty McFadden & Margo Stafford
- May 4 – General Meeting – Road Trip to John Brown House and Perkins Mansion in Akron
Fee \$10.00, Lunch TBD. Time to be announced
- June 1 – General Meeting – Road Trip to the OARDC to learn about “The World of Bees,”
Reed Johnson. Lunch on your own. Time to be announced.
- July 6 – General Meeting – Road Trip to Ashland Seminary Museum. Lunch at Lyn-Way
Restaurant. Time to be announced.
- August 3 – Annual Picnic at East Chippewa Brethren Church pavilion, eat at 5 P.M. Bring table
Service and a dish to share, officers provide beverages. Program “Caricatures by Sam;
Free drawings by Sam Sutton.
- September – No Meeting
- October 5 – General Meeting – “Opioid Use During the Civil War,” Dr. Wisneski
Hostesses: Linda Platt & Kathy Meitzler
- November 2 – General Meeting – “100 Years of Women’s Right to Vote”, Deb Kitko. Elections
Hostesses; Lila Smucker & Joanne Smucker
- December 7 – General Meeting – “Holiday Traditions of Europe”, Jerri Lyn Baxstorm.
Bring Cookies to share, officers will provide beverages,

Open Houses

- April 19 – Hymn Sing, 3 P.M. at the historic Church of God, with Norma Trotter and
Heather Carr.
- May 17 – Open House 1:30 -4 P.M. Donor Appreciation, Power Engine Show &
Smithville Star’s vs Bay Village at 2 P.M.
- June 20 – Open House 10 A.M. – 4 P.M. Civil War History Day.
Smithville Star’s vs Wyandotte Ghost Riders 11 A.M.; Dover Red Stockings
12:15, and team TBA 1:30 P.M.
- July 19 – Open House 1:30 – 4 P.M. Smithville Stars’ vs Mansfield 2 P.M.,
Band concert (TBA) Ice Cream Social.
- August 15 – Antique Market & Open House 10 A.M., Smithville Stars’ vs Whiskey Island 2 P.M.
- September 20 – Open House, Model-T Day, Native American Day & Smiville Star’s vs Canal Fulton 2 P.M.
- October 17 – Open House & Apple Butter 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.
- December 5 – Christmas in the Village 5 – 8 P.M.
- December 6 – Christmas in the Village 1:30 – 4 P.M. Concert at 3 P.M.

Board of Officers meetings the third Monday of the month at 7 P.M. at the Heritage Center. Open to Members if you wish to speak at the meeting, please contact the President in advance of the meeting

The Smithville Base Ball Team

Jeff Carr, Manager

The Smithville Stars Vintage Base Ball Team had a very successful 2019 season. We played 20 games on 14 different dates. Our record was 11 wins and 9 losses. But we never lose because of the great spread of food after the games. We will be playing about the same number of games this year. We will have games on the SCHS Open House events in the months May – September. We play on the site of the old Smithville Elementary building. Check out the SCHS website or the Facebook page of the Smithville Stars Base Ball Team for our full schedule. If you haven't seen us play, stop by one of our home games. Bring your favorite lawn chair and watch an entertaining afternoon of 1860's rule, barehanded base ball. If you would like to play, contact me at 330-466-1087.

2020 Stars' Schedule

Home

May 17 - Stars' vs Bay Village (2 P.M.)
June 20 – Stars' vs Wyandotte Ghost riders (11 A.M.)
Stars' vs Dover Red Stockings (12:15 P.M.)
Stars' vs TBA (1:30 P.M.)
July 19 – Stars' vs Mansfield (2 P.M.)
August 15 – Stars'' vs Whiskey Island (2 P.M.)
September 20 – Star's vs Canal Fulton (2 P.M.)

Away

May 3 Malabar Farm,
May 24 Dover Canal Days
June 7 Upper Sandusky
June 28 Newcomerstown
July 10 Shelby
July 11 Canal Fulton
July 25 Bay Village
August 8 Kidron
August 30 Mansfield
October 10 & 11 Moreland



Model-T Day 2019

Building and Maintenance

Dan Kaufman, Chr.

The future is not always kind to the past. This is especially true to the many structures on our campus. As any farmer or home owner realizes you don't own the property it owns you. We are its care taker. The future does hold new technologies and materials to reduce our need for future maintenance and energy. My goal now and in the future is to make the home of SCHS safe, secure, and with greatly reduced maintenance. The big project this year was roof renovation of the Church of God. No more concern or need to call about the falling cross. It is safe and secure with a fresh coat of paint. The roof is flatter, covered with steel and insulation that will keep it cooler in the summer. Even the fasteners are zinc coated and related for 50 years. The Heritage Center was given the same treatment, efficient secure, hail resistant and long-lasting roof. New larger gutters with covers are also being installed to reduce or eliminate water damage. Both of these projects were completed at a very reasonable cost. The walls of the church are in need of care at this point. A coating technology from Europe may be applied to preserve the century old masonry. Many buildings and monuments many centuries older have been saved using this material in Europe. We forget how young we are here.

The next improvement for our organization will be better accessibility for those that are mobility challenged. The southern portion of the Village in front of the post office will be receiving cement sidewalks and ADA compliant parking. This will also greatly reduce the need for weed spraying reducing maintenance and herbicide exposure. Oh, and fewer kids throwing gravel at their little brother or sister. Volunteers will be helping with this project. The north portion of the village will be completed at a later date. An ADA compliant parking area will also be installed at the Mill.

A project that I will be in negotiations with the village, due to village zoning, is an open building for the drag saw behind the Church of God. The display is unsightly, high maintenance and at times a safety issue. I feel the village will be cooperative, but any support will be appreciated.

General maintenance abounds as we have grown in breadth and scope during many years we have been in operation. I would like to thank all those that have given both their time and resources to make SCHS a successful vision. It is becoming a destination location for young and old, year after year. Our goal is to make it a fresh exciting, safe and interesting learning experience. Many hands always make light work. More volunteers are always appreciated so we look forward to seeing spring flowers, busy bees and you.

Church of God with new roof.



2019 Acquisitions Report

Bob & Linda Platt, Chr.

During 2019, over 100 items were donated, along with some items placed on loan and a few purchased. These include a hook rug frame and rug, barn items, Havilan china and a railroad conductor hat badge. Many artifacts with historical significance to Green Township and Smithville were donated. These include:

Smithville Mayor's Criminal Docket 1927-49
Local Photographs, post cards, family photos, school photos
Peter and John Hartman 1838 coverlet
Daniel and Ethel Mishler photos and school items

There were two exhibits in the Downey Visitors Center. We recognized the long-time local Sayres' Grocery. Photos and memorabilia of different locations were displayed, including an original shopping cart.

On the second floor was a display called "Hats of Character" of men and women's hats. At one time there were three millinery shops on Main Street here in Smithville. There were even hats to try on and take a "selfie."

During Christmas in the Village, visitors to the Caboose Toy Museum saw a display celebrating the holiday favorite, "Frosty the Snowman." Children were able to decorate a wooden snowman to take home.

We want to thank all the generous people who see the importance of preserving our communities. We try to rotate displays so all donated items are not on display all the time.

Donor Appreciation Day will be held at the first Open House, May 17, 2020.
For more information about donating, call 330-669-9455.

2019 Antiques Market

Bob & Linda Platt, Chr.

It was a hot summer day once again for the 8th Annual SCHS Antique Market. On the tree-lined yard of the Mishler Mill were dealers selling antique and collectibles. Glassware, furniture, jewelry, and pottery were among the many items for sale. All the SCHS buildings were open for touring and volunteers were weaving in the mill.

Plans are being made for the 2020 Antique Market scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2020.

For information, call 330-669-9455.

Mishler Mill

Kathy Meitzler, Artisans & Tours. Chr.

For a number of years, we had been having issues with the power loom that we use to weave dish cloths. In September at our automobile drive in Ken Lingle came forward showing interest in the mill equipment, he became a member and now has the power loom working and so are the power loom weavers! It means we have dish cloths to sell! We've had several orders for rugs, too!

We've also been cleaning and have found several historical items hidden here in the mill. We even found where a couple of the Mishlers signed the wall back in 1901.

If you haven't been to the mill lately, come see us! There are several weavers and volunteers on Wednesdays. We start setting up around 10 A.M., have a potluck lunch (12-1 P.M.) in the Heritage Center and then we are "open" from 1:30 to 4 P.M. The volunteers work on weaving, sewing and odds/ends jobs. So come see us and maybe you'll see how much fun we have and you might find something to do to help us.

2019 Treasurer's Report

Katherine Thomas, Treasurer

Five largest income items

- 1. Capital donations \$21,918
- 2. Rent \$17,940
- 3. Donations \$6,753
- 4. Taxable sales \$4,863
- 5. Membership dues \$1,255

Five Largest expense items

- 1. Capital expenses \$27081
- 2. Electricity \$6,727
- 3. Natural gas \$5,706
- 4. Insurance \$5,540
- 5. Real estate taxes \$3,384

Finance and Fund-Raising Report

Jeff Carr, Chr.

We had a very successful 2019 with this committee. With the help of the Wayne County Foundation, Romich Foundation and the donations of our faithful, generous membership, we reached our goal in our Capital Fund Raising Campaign.

The funds were used in various projects that will be mentioned in the Maintenance supervisor's report. We will continue to seek available funds in 2020 to continue the many projects of the SCHS.

Also, we will continue our "fund raising" efforts in recruiting new members and volunteers to help with the administration of the SCHS, as well as, volunteers to help with the Open Houses.

Lastly, I have accepted the Vice President of the SCHS after the untimely passing of Mark Irvin. So, we are in need of someone to take over the Director of Finance & Fund-Raising section. Anyone interested please contact us. Thanks to all of you for a successful 2019.

Membership Report

By Pat Keirstead

We are pleased to have 266 Members in our society. There's always room for more!
New Life Members: Mark & Olena Irvin, Alan Keifer, David & Cindy Stefanski
James Valentine and Kathryn Thomas.

Our prayers are with the families of those members who passed away in 2019:

<i>Life Member - Richard Thut</i>	<i>March 6</i>
<i>Charter Life Member - Mae Ramseyer</i>	<i>May 8</i>
<i>Life Member - Chester Lehman</i>	<i>May 12</i>
<i>Life Member - Roger Ramseyer</i>	<i>May 29</i>
<i>Charter Life Member - Mary Kerr</i>	<i>August 15</i>
<i>Family Member - Barbara Andrews</i>	<i>August 17</i>
<i>Individual Member - Helen Hochstetler</i>	<i>August 28</i>
<i>Life Member - Mark Irvin</i>	<i>November 12</i>



In the world of Vintage Base Ball he was known as Mark "the Ax" Irvin. He would use an ax handle rather than a ball bat. He was the second-generation member of our Historical Society. His goal was to enhance the growth of our museum, to continue his father Joe's and mother Joyce's dream. Serving as our Vice President, he left us too soon. "May he be hitting those balls with the ax handle in heaven."

Presidential Report 2019

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By Ralph Smucker

This past year we experienced lots of good programs, open house, tour for school student, vintage base ball games and tours for members and public.

Our treasurer, Phil Maaz, retired March 3 and was replaced by Tim Homan. Tim was formerly employed by Village Network. He came with good experience with the Wayne County Community Foundation and has used his knowledge with grants and budgets for operating a non-profit organization. Tim along with Finance and Fund-raising chairman Jeff Carr applied for grant funds from the foundation which was used for upgrades and roofing to the Church of God and the Heritage Center. Tim resigned his position in December due to moving out of the area. Katie Thomas a Smithville Native, accepted the position of Treasurer.

Due to the accidental death of Mark Irvin in November, Jeff Carr accepted the position of Vice President.

Special thanks to:

Kenneth Reusser, Dale Shamp and Emerson Stull for taking care of the lawn mowing and leaves

Nita Downey for all the work with the flower beds and landscaping.

Everyone who helped put up and take down Christmas decorations

To the many other volunteers who donated time in so many ways to make 2019 enjoyable and a real success.

The election of new and returning officers for 2020 was held at the December meeting; reelected, Harlene Steiner, Secretary; Kathy Meitzler, Artisans & Tours; Pat Keirstead, Membership; and Frank Becker, Publicity. Margo Stafford chose to retire from the Board of Officers.

**The Cross no
longer leans??**

