



To promote, preserve and protect the heritage of Plain Township Stark County

# Plain Township Historical Society

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## Summertime

Thank you to everyone that turn out for our July meeting featuring Mr. Richard Haldi talking about the Case Mansion. It was a full house and it was great to see everyone out and about. You never know what you are going to learn when you come to one of our monthly meetings. For some, they did not realize that the Case Masion property was part of Historic Plain Township until the City of Canton annexed the area. What a great story about the mansion and the people who lived there.

Wow, this summer is shaping up to be a very busy one. We are very grateful for the people who reach out to us and share their stories and items. In July, we were able to work through a large donation (145) of Middlebranch High School newspapers. We now have an example of each newspaper title published by the Plain Local high schools. Our earliest date is 1934. The first Middlebranch High School newspaper was published in 1931. There were two other surprises in this group of newspapers. First, two copies of the Middlebranch Grade School 6<sup>th</sup> grade newspaper. Second a 1935 and 1936 Senior issue. After looking at the Senior issues they actual turned out to be a precursor for the yearbook (1937 first yearbook.) What a great find. We will be sharing these newspapers with the GlenOak High School newspaper staff when school starts.

## 720 Sidestreet Market at Oakwood Square

The September 720 Sidestreet Market at Oakwood Square is fast approaching and we have started to put our pop-up museum display together. We will be featuring "4-H in Plain Township." It is not too late to include items, loaned or donated, to our display. What we have assembled so far, is providing a very interesting look at how important 4-H was to rural Plain Township. We cannot wait to share this history with our community. So, if you have any information, article, contacts and artifacts about 4-H in Plain Township, please contact Cindy Guest. If you are interested in volunteering to man the tent, please let us know. We have one-hour slots available. Hope to see you there on Sep 9<sup>th</sup> 10-3 pm

## Class Reunions and Soft Rollout

As PTHS continues to look for ways to engage our community and raise awareness, we look for opportunities to work with groups of people. One group has been on our radar to provide support for, and we did a soft rollout in July – Class Reunions. We have observed that every five years for a class reunion, a graduating class seems to start from scratch gathering a list of graduates and other information. PTHS has pondered how we can provide support to these groups. First, we rolled out on our website "In Memoriam" pages for each high school, showing by graduating class who was deceased. This provides a central location for this information which PTHS keeps anyway. By partnering with the reunion committees and the community, we can keep these lists up to date. This feature has attracted a lot attention and collaboration. An opportunity arose in July to work with Oakwood High School classes of 1972, 1973 and 1974. They were looking for the graduating photos of their classmates. Since we have the yearbooks, we were able to scan and provide the photos to the reunion committees. FYI, there were approximately 300 graduating seniors in each of

### Treasurer's Report

Account Balances:	
Checking	\$427.17
Money Market	12,781.01
Endowment	31,574.35

We are a 501c3. Contributions to our organization are tax deductible.

### Current Officers

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### August Meeting

**Aug 21st –  
Genealogy  
Presented by Stark  
County Genealogical  
Society**

**NEW**

Looking for high school jewelry to add to our collection from clubs, activities, sports, etc.

- Class rings
- Lavilier
- Pins
- Charm bracelets, etc

This is to allow us to trace the meaning and history of high school related jewelry.

**Yearbook Want List:**

*Middlebranch HS – 1955, 1957*

*GlenOak HS – 1981, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005 to present*

**School Newspapers:**

GlenOak, Oakwood, Glenwood, Middlebranch, Underground, Taft or any other school.

- Articles for our newsletter can be emailed to: [preservingplaintwp@gmail.com](mailto:preservingplaintwp@gmail.com).
- Articles are due the Wednesday after the first Tuesday of the month (aka Board Meeting.)

**Contact info:**

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Web: [www.preservingplaintwp.org](http://www.preservingplaintwp.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/](https://www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/)

the three classes (900+ graduates.) The reunion committee inquired if we have a master list of graduates. As part of our archives, we do. This is information that we were given by the Plain Local Schools Foundation several years ago. So, we shared that information with them as well.

In July, we received from the Glenwood Class of 1962 their reunion committee archives. We have been working with them since the Glenwood book to move those items to our archives for safe keeping. We will accession and store the items for the class until they need them.

So, what does all this mean. PTHS can offer support to reunion committees in the following ways: storage for their reunion archives, list of graduates, and digital copies of senior photos. There are a few other services we will look at adding, but for right now this is what we are going to offer. All these options, help us to grow our archives and friends.

In addition to all the above, our website now offers not only "In Memoriam" page for each high school, but also, we are starting to roll out web pages for each high school. On our website you will find the master graduation lists for Middlebranch and Oakwood High School (all years.) The other two high school will be added as we double check the information we have. Check out the website under History – Schools. On the school's page, there is a listing of the schools in Historic Plain Township. If you click on any of the high school links, that will take you to a page that is dedicated to that school. These pages will contain information about the school (i.e., history, alma mater, fight song, etc.) On the Middlebranch and Oakwood High School pages, you will see links for each graduating class. Click on the link and information that we currently have about that class will appear. If you have information to share, please let us know. We are always looking for play programs, newspapers, commencement programs, etc.

**Little "Gnome" Facts**

Roman and Raymond here to share more construction highlights. In this episode of "As the Dirt Turns," we fly high. Gnomes are not known to like their feet off the ground, but today I thought I would share a birds eye view of the Amphitheater. Very soon this venue will be opening and ready for people to visit and enjoy an adventure. The first adventure is scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup>. There is a website, <https://plaintownshipamphitheater.com/events/>, for you to look at to see which one is right for you. Stay tuned for the next episode of "As the Dirt Turns", not sure what the next episode will be about yet. If you know of a construction project in our area, let us know. We Wanderer's are always looking for a place to wander off to.

Hi, Raymond here. For this episode of "As the Tail Wags," it is about taking shape. No, this does not have anything to do with working out just taking a gander at the construction progress. Although, I am sure there is a place for our pampered pets to play. So, stay tuned for the next episode of "As the Tail Wags."



## Publications available for purchase

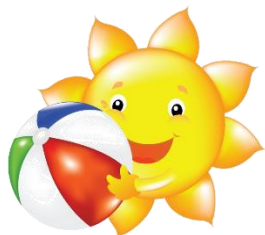
- Educating Plain Township – Middlebranch High School 1927-1957 2 volume set \$20.00 (only sold as a two volume set)
- Educating Plain Township – Glenwood High School 1957-1975 2 volume set \$20.00 (only sold as a two volume set)
- Cruising Thru Plain Township – \$10.00 each
  - Volume 1 NE Qtr
  - Volume 2 SE Qtr
  - Volume 3 SW Qtr
  - Volume 4 NW Qtr
- And the Story Continues – Vol 1 and Vol 2 - \$10.00ea  
**ON SALE for \$10/set**

## Publication available for free download from our website or Facebook page

- Exploring Plain Township – Piecing the Puzzle Together – North Canton Drive-In Theater

## Donations

If you have any items to donate or share please let Cindy Guest know at [preservingplaintwp@gmail.com](mailto:preservingplaintwp@gmail.com) or 330-224-2660. Also, if you know of someone in the community with information that will help us please let us know. Thank you to all that donated.



## This and That – Odds and Ends

**Genealogy** – You can tell it is summertime as our family tree database is in full bloom and sprouting more branches. We are up to 481,200 names. Thank you to Laura Shoemaker for sharing the Culler family genealogy and Jeff Hissong for working through several John Smith’s that tie to Plain Township. Interestingly enough, the Smith research was easier than anticipated. Also, we followed an interesting tie between a Ridgewood resident, William Allison Harris, and President McKinley. Adding those old growth limbs to our tree helps to build a strong base. It is never too late to share your genealogy with us.

**“Invest in Plain’s History” by becoming a member, volunteering, making a monetary donation and donating items related to Plain Township!**

## PLAIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2023 EVENT SCHEDULE

**Board of Directors Meetings are the first Tuesday at 2 p.m.  
General Meetings are the third Monday at 7 p.m.**

General meetings are held at the Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton St NE, Canton OH unless otherwise noted. These meetings are free and open to the public. We have a brief meeting, followed by refreshments and then a historical topic presentation. Check our website [www.preservingplaintwp.org](http://www.preservingplaintwp.org), Facebook and newsletter for a current schedule.

**Aug 21<sup>st</sup> – Genealogy – Presenter Stark County Genealogical Society**

**Sep 9<sup>th</sup> – 720 Side Street Market at Oakwood Square 10-3 pm**

**Sep 18<sup>th</sup> – “Quilts of Plain Township” – Presenter Cindy Guest**

**Sep 20<sup>th</sup> - McDonald’s Quarterly Fundraiser Part 3**

**Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – 4-H – Presenter Jennifer White**

**Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – Andrew Meyer Family – Presenter Dan McDevitt, an Andrew Meyer Descendant**

## Recent Donations

- Laura Shoemaker – Culler Genealogy
- Ridgewood former home owner – Photos of Tudor Rose
- Jeff Hissong – 2 Middlebranch 1937 football player photos
- Cheryl Hutcheson – 4-H items
- Glenwood Class of 1962 – Reunion archives and 4-H items

## Endowment Donations

- McDonald’s Fundraiser
- Don Wise Trust

## In Memoriam

- Linda Dessauer – July 2023

### Endowment Giving

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Check to:

Plain Township Historical Society  
C/o Endowment  
2600 Easton St NE  
Canton, OH 44721

Or SCF Online:

[www.starkcf.org/give-plain-historical](http://www.starkcf.org/give-plain-historical)



PTHS is a 501c3 organization. Your donation is tax deductible.

### Dues Form

DUES RUN FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - PLAIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I want to join - Check One (Annual):

- |                                     |        |                                       |         |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student    | \$5.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron       | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | 10.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization | 100.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family     | 20.00  | Life Time Dues:                       |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit | 35.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual   | 250.00  |
|                                     |        | <input type="checkbox"/> Family       | 500.00  |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership is open to everyone who wishes to promote our Mission.

Please make check payable to: Plain Township Historical Society

Mail this form and check to:

Plain Township Historical Society  
C/o Membership  
2600 Easton St NE  
Canton, OH 44721

**Preserving History since 2005.**



**Come Join the Plain Township Historical Society  
At the Side Street Mkts at Oakwood Square**

On September 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-3 pm

Located at Oakwood Square Plaza on the corner of Middlebranch Ave NE and Easton St NE

#### Exploring 4-H in Plain Township



Stop In for a Step Back in Time!



**Fall into a Relaxing Break!**

**Come Join the Plain Township Historical Society  
In Partnership with McDonald's for our**

**9th Annual Fundraiser - Part 3**

**At 6302 Market Ave N**

(Across the street from Walsh University)

**Wednesday Sep 20th from 4 to 8 PM**

Come and relax after chasing those pesky leaves around your yard. Even better, come and join us as a kickoff to your weekend football schedule.



Support both the Plain Township Historical Society and a Plain Township Business. Hope to see you there!

You can either order inside to go, mobile app, eat inside or go through the drive-thru. 20% of the Proceeds during that time go to support our mission "To Promote, Preserve, and Protect the Heritage of Plain Township, Stark County, Ohio". No flyer required. Dine In, Pick-up, Drive-Thru or Mobile App.