



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

Plain Township Historical Society

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Treasurer's Report

Account Balances:

Checking	\$427.17
Money Market	12,801.89
Endowment	30,574.39

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

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Have You Been There?

Do you go for “rides?” When we were children, one of the fun activities was simple, going for a ride with your parents and siblings. I am not sure that families still do that, but as you may be flying solo now, here is a suggestion for a simple trip. Check out the new Plain Township Amphitheater at Oakwood Square on Easton Street. The structure and surrounding area are finished now and activities have started. Since it is an open-air venue, activities will be taking place during nice weather—and we will still have weeks of time left. You may find out what is scheduled by going to plaintownshipamphitheater.com/the-venue/.

But, let us say, you are no longer interested in spending time exercising or listening to music outdoors—that time comes to us all, if we live long enough. So, I am suggesting that you take a ride, and go to Oakwood Square and drive past the amphitheater which is right behind the Plain Township Hall where we have our meetings. You can see plenty from your car, or park and get out and walk around a bit. This is part of the Plain Township park system and open to everyone to enjoy.

I am happy that this has happened for Plain citizens to use. For so many years there was no place that was singularly a Plain Township place for people to gather. Other than high school events, there was not even a significant shopping area for a long time. Now we have a place and there will be activities and programs for Plain folks and families to enjoy. Check it out. - Judy

720 Sidestreet Market at Oakwood Square

September is here and so is our last community event for the season (as of right now.) The weather is looking nice for a stroll through the new amphitheater to enjoy shopping and supporting local businesses. We will be there with our pop-up museum “4-H Ties to Plain Township.” We are very grateful to those in the community that loaned/donated items to make this exhibit possible. It never ceases to amaze us what we learn and how our archives grow as a result of one of these events. We have talked to community members who were a part of 4-H to get their perspectives as well. As always, these conversations and enlightening. Our understanding of 4-H as a grass roots organization where clubs were formed by individuals wanting to share and teach the next generation will bring a new dimension to our archives. So, stop out, say “Hi,” and enjoy a piece of Plain Township History. Hope to see you there on Saturday, Sep 9th 10-3 pm

McDonald's Fundraiser

Fall sports are under way and it is time for our McDonald's Quarterly Fundraiser. Join us at McDonald's on Market Ave across from Walsh University between 4-8 pm on Wednesday Sep 20th for a bite to eat. You can drive-thru, order to go, or dine-in. Anyway, you order between 4-8 pm, PTHS received 20% of the proceeds. Join us inside for some rousing historical conversations. It is always interesting the stories that come out while eating a Big Mac, fries and a hot apple pie. Proceeds from this fundraiser goes towards our endowment fund. Thank you for your support and hope to see you there.

Sep Meeting

**Sep 18th – “Quilts of Plain Twp and Their Stories”
Presented by Cindy Guest**

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

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

Elementary, Intermediate and Junior High School yearbooks.

School Newspapers:

GlenOak, Oakwood, Glenwood, Middlebranch, Underground, Elementary, Junior High, etc.

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

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Web:
www.preservingplaintwp.org

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/PlainTownshipHistoricalSociety/

Wise, Werstler, Essig, Bergmyer and Stockwell Information

We recently received a donation containing family information on the Wise, Werstler, Essig, Bergmyer and Stockwell families. This wonderful donation helps to fill out three family lines that we have information on while providing two new family lines. The donation included Wise genealogy going back to the 1750s, photos, bibles, school books and jewelry that help to preserve these families' histories. What a wonderful addition to our archives

Research

A recent inquiry, sent us on a hunt for information about property in Section 36 Northeast Quarter. To orient you, Section 36 lies in the southeast corner of Plain Township, abuts Nimishillen Township, has part of the Republic Steel railyards in it and Louisville Rd crosses thru the area. There is a property for sale in the NE quarter and we were asked to do research to see if we could find what type of activity took place there. First of all, this is an area where we do not have a lot of information about, so we are always excited to explore new territory. This turned out to be a very interesting story. Harvey H. Miller bought the quarter section in 1899 and developed the property into a premier dairy operation. Harvey was an inventor and held patents not only related to the dairy field but also farming. He is credited for developing and manufacturing the equipment necessary to make ice cream on a commercial level. Who knew that this type of ingenuity had its roots in Plain Township. So, go out have some ice cream and thank Harvey Miller. For more information on Harvey, see our October article in the "Plain Living" magazine. PS: we will share more after the article is published.

Little "Gnome" Facts

Roman here to share this episode of "As the Dirt Turns." We have turned the last shovel of dirt in the amphitheater story. Us gnomes are glad to see the amphitheater come to life and being enjoyed by the community. If you are looking for an excuse to see this beauty, stop out on Saturday, Sep 9th for the 720 Sidestreet Market. Oh and make sure you stop by the PTHS booth. So now off we wander to look for our next adventure. 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 ramping things up. There are some great ramps leading to the doggie doors at the Hometown Veterinary. I guess since they allow more than dogs in, we might have to rethink the "doggies door" thing. Anyway, more progress is being made and we are looking forward to seeing what our pampered pets will be entering. 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 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 – The heat of summer slowed down our tree growth. Ok maybe it was working on our upcoming event display that contributed to our slow growth in August. In any case, we are now up to 482,939 names. Always looking to graft new branches and it is never too late to share your genealogy with us.

Website – Our website now contains the master graduation list for all of the graduation classes from Middlebranch and Oakwood High School. Glenwood High School we are working on and have lists available for the classes of 1958, 1959 and 1960. Stay tuned as we add more graduation classes.

Publications – Look for our articles in the recently released Plain Township Newsletter, upcoming Eaglenation and Plain Living Magazine.

Veterans Park – Dedication of the POW/MIA monument Saturday, Sep 9th 10am.

“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, Facebook and newsletter for a current schedule.

Sep 9th – 720 Side Street Market at Oakwood Square 10-3 pm

Sep 18th – “Quilts of Plain Township” – Presenter Cindy Guest

Sep 20th- McDonald’s Quarterly Fundraiser Part 3

Oct 16th – 4-H – Presenter Jennifer White

Nov 20th – Andrew Meyer Family – Presenter Dan McDevitt, an Andrew Meyer Descendant

Dec 20th – McDonald’s Quarterly Fundraiser Part 4

Recent Donations

- Joseph Sliker – Honor Roll of Ohio Stark County Edition 1917-1918 Book
- Darlene Bailis – Digital Copies of 4-H Information

Endowment Donations

In Memoriam

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



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.

Plain Township Historical Society

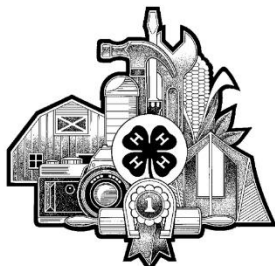
Come Join the Plain Township Historical Society

At the Side Street Mkts at Oakwood Square

On September 9th 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!



Plain Township Historical Society

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.