

Historian



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Our Focus and Goal Is To "PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE"

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Voices and Scenes From The Past



The old Kuhlman Store and Post Office at the corner of N. Main and W. Spring St.

"The best is none too good for the people of the community." (William Duhme, owner of the grocery and hardware departments of the old Kuhlman Store)

"Sugar was a luxury because folks knew it was so nutritious one pound of sugar was considered an appropriate gift for the mother of a newborn." (Anna Meckstroth)

"Maternity cases were \$5.00. I had to keep up with medical prices elsewhere and so I charged \$7.50. My how they squawked, so I lowered it to \$7.00. Later I charged \$10.00 and office calls were \$1.00." (Dr. Henry Fledderjohann)

"Dr. Fledderjohann would come to the canal when the fish were running and he would drop his net. One time I told him I had a loose tooth and he said 'let me look at it' -- he pulled it right out." (Bertha Schrolucke)



The old German Methodist Episcopal Church at the corner of S. Main and W. German St.



Children at Play

These are treasured messages and scenes from years gone by from our departed ancestors. These pictures and many more are from the glass negatives that our historical society received from the estate of Norman Kuhlman. History and life from 1895 to 1910 is revealed.

MEMBERSHIP: Single \$10.00 / Year - \$50.00 / Lifetime - Couple \$18.00 / Year - \$100.00 / Lifetime ~ Student \$1.00 / Year
Checks may be mailed to: Vernon Feldwisch 09350 Bay Rd. New Knoxville, Ohio 45871

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends of the New Knoxville Historical Society,

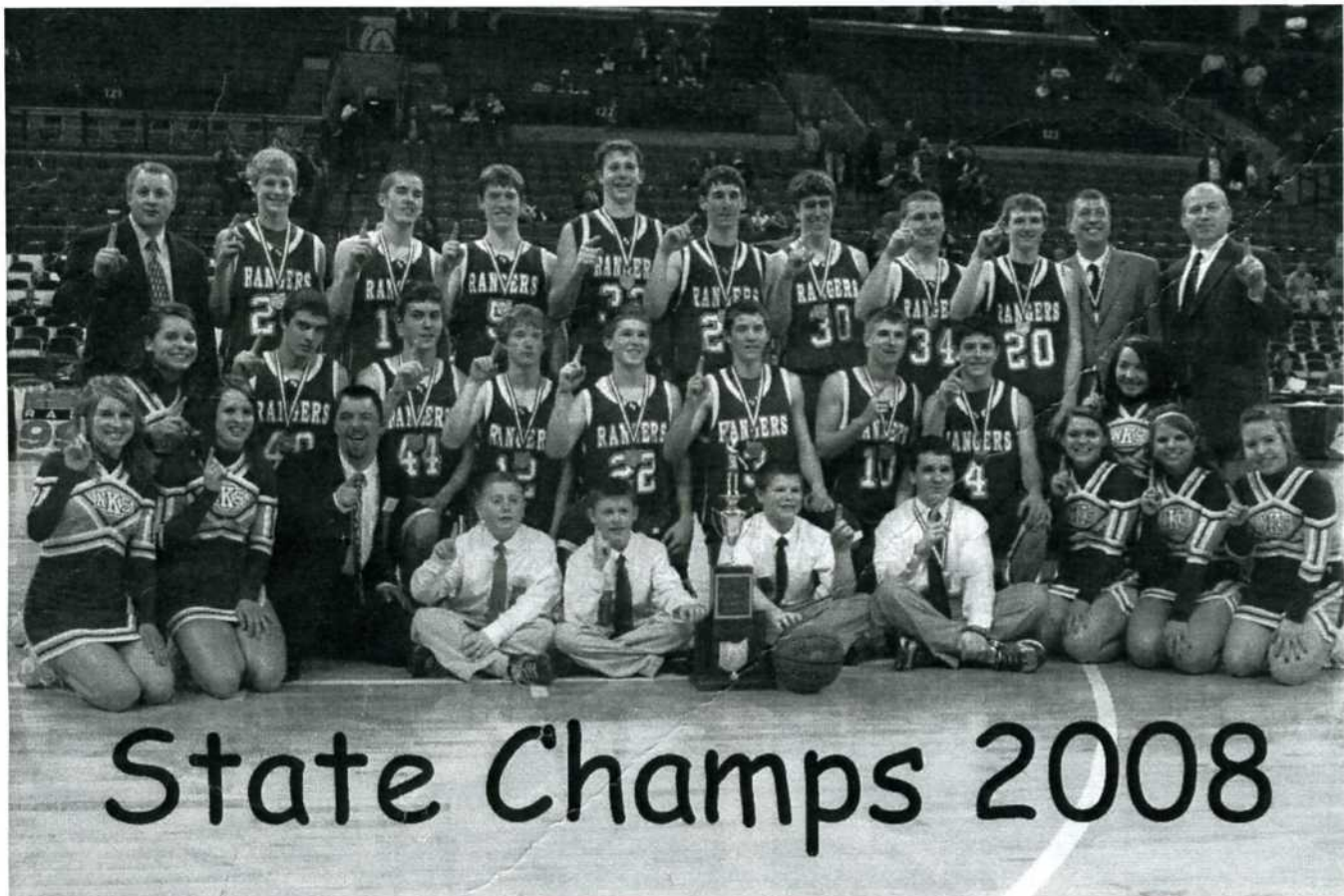
Our society has made giant strides these past few years, and we owe it all to you --- our faithful supporters and volunteers. A special thanks to all!!!

This year we are pleased to have Gary Katterheinrich and Sean Stroh speak at our annual meeting. They will present an interesting program about the history of the Neil Armstrong Airport, past, present, and future. Gary was the manager for 29 years. Sean is his replacement. There will be door prizes and free refreshments after the program. Please come and join us for an interesting evening. Everyone is welcome!!!

Kirk Stienecker, President

**ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.
AMERICAN LEGION HALL IN NEW KNOXVILLE**

**GARY KATTERHEINRICH AND SEAN STROH will speak on
“The History of Neil Armstrong Airport, Past, Present, and Future”**



GO RANGERS!!! AND THEY DID!!! Congratulations to our boys' basketball team, all the coaches, cheerleaders, and managers. The RANGERS (Division IV) beat Worthington Christian 74-52 to win the STATE TITLE. Our community and all RANGER fans are so proud!!! The last time the boys' basketball went to state was 61 years ago in 1947. This year our team was undefeated (regular season) and won the STATE title. The RANGERS are the only high school boys to hold this honor this year in the state of Ohio. Last year we were also undefeated during our regular season.

SOCIETY OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

President – Kirk Stienecker

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Historians & Memorial Plaque – Myron Fledderjohann, Kirk Stienecker, and Roberta Tanzini

Co-Editors of "Historian" Newsletter – Roberta Tanzini and Larry Niemeyer

SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

Myron Fledderjohann – Genealogy and History

Glenna Meckstroth – Author of "Tales From Great Grandpa's Trunk" and "Surviving World War II"

GOOD MORNING AMERICA

As I mentioned in our town paper, the *Village Voice*, *Good Morning America* (ABC-TV) had a segment on the "Preservation of Home Films" on Monday, February 18. Local born residents Randy Haberkamp and Bruce Elsass were interviewed about a film they made in 1981 talking to New Knoxville residents and businesses – (this was 5 years before the Sesqui-centennial film.) They showed various New Knoxville locations and Bruce interviewing the late Deloris Fischbach. We hope to share this film in its entirety with the community later this year. We'll keep you informed.

A NEW BOOK ABOUT LADBERGEN

Dr. Dean Hoge has written a new book entitled *From Ladbergen to America: The Heritage and the Migration*. It begins with an outline of the history of Ladbergen and its surroundings, then presents thirty short essays on the history. In the second part it has a summary translation of a good German book on immigrants who came to Minster, New Bremen, and New Knoxville. The book's last part is a series of jokes and stories translated from Low German.

The book is 260 pages, with 100 pictures and 10 maps. The cover was illustrated by local artist Pat Wietholter. It was written to explain the heritage to descendants of Ladbergen immigrants. This is a "must have" book. We will have this book available at our Heritage Center and our Community Library very soon.

Welcome Tours

TOURS are available by appointment – contact any board member.



Pictured here is board member Lloyd "Red" Kuck giving a tour to a member of GOBA (Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure) - one of over one hundred cyclists who included the museum as one of their stops around Ohio.

We continue to have tours at Heritage Center. Individuals or groups are welcome. In the past year, school, scouting, community, church and class reunion groups have come from 15 different states, England & Germany.

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

"WILLKOMMEN"

Lee & Joanne Kuhlman, Lee Deerhake, Dorris Holleman, all of New Knoxville; Perry & Denise Kantner, Saline, MI; Rick & Judy Meckstroth, Cincinnati, OH; John & Elaine Poppe, Wapakoneta, OH; Robert & Patricia Rain, Centerville, OH; Ed & Heidi Stoeckel, Englewood, CO; Keith & Pam Fledderjohann, St. Marys, OH.

YEARLY/RENEWALS

Willis Henschen, St. Marys, OH; Carol (Bode) Marty, Reynoldsburg, OH; Jeff & Debbie Eversman, Oregon, OH; Dale Gene & Jackie Kuck, Merrill, WI.

We have 20 states and Canada represented in our membership!!! Your membership helps us in "preserving our heritage."

THANK YOU!!!

A special thanks to those who have contributed anonymously. Your support is priceless!

Our New Sign



The Piehl Brothers Stone Company graciously donated their time engraving and installing our newest museum sign. The stone itself was salvaged locally and will provide a long term maintenance free monument enhancing our commemorative and memorial brick display. Thanks for your generosity!

Ice Tree



During a recent winter storm, Mother Nature enhanced the centuries old white oak tree on the Heritage Center complex with a heavy coating of ice, brightened from the lights of the adjacent Katterheinrich Motor Sales.

BRICK PROJECT

Commemorative & memorial BRICKS are available. This is our means of financial and visual support from the many families and friends that desire to "preserve our heritage." Contact Betty Henschen 419-753-2142, address 101 Hanover Ct., New Knoxville, OH 45871. Thank you for your support.

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NOT FORGOTTEN

Elmer Neuman 6-5-07
Selma Katterheinrich 8-2-07
Elnor Rodeheffer 12-5-07
Victor Fledderjohann 2-11-08

These names will appear on our Memorial Plaque in our Heritage Museum. You can remember your loved one with a memorial to the New Knoxville Historical Society. Thank you for your support.

OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendars! We again will be having "open house" the last Sunday of the month from 1:00 to 5:00 – May 25, June 29, July 27, August 31, September 28, and October 26. This past year we enjoyed the history revealed from the glass negatives. Pictured below are Adrian and Martha Settlege, and Linda Klaer viewing the many pictures from the collection.



We'll keep you informed of any special themes or programs – as always, "preserving our heritage".

ADDRESS CHANGE

Notify Karen Niemeyer, P.O. Box 301, New Knoxville, OH 45871 or call 419-753-2215 or e-mail her at niemeyer@nktelco.net.

BOOKS & GIFTS

Books and gift items are available from our society and also our Community Library. See our website for available items.

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