

NEW KNOXVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# Historian



Established 1984

Our Goal Is to PRESERVE AND SHARE OUR HERITAGE

Spring 2022

## Your donations were put to work improving the New Knoxville Historical Society

Last year's newsletter thanked over 120 individuals and businesses for helping the historical society raise over \$40,000 to help with maintenance and repairs on our five buildings.

Work on the buildings began in the summer with the residing

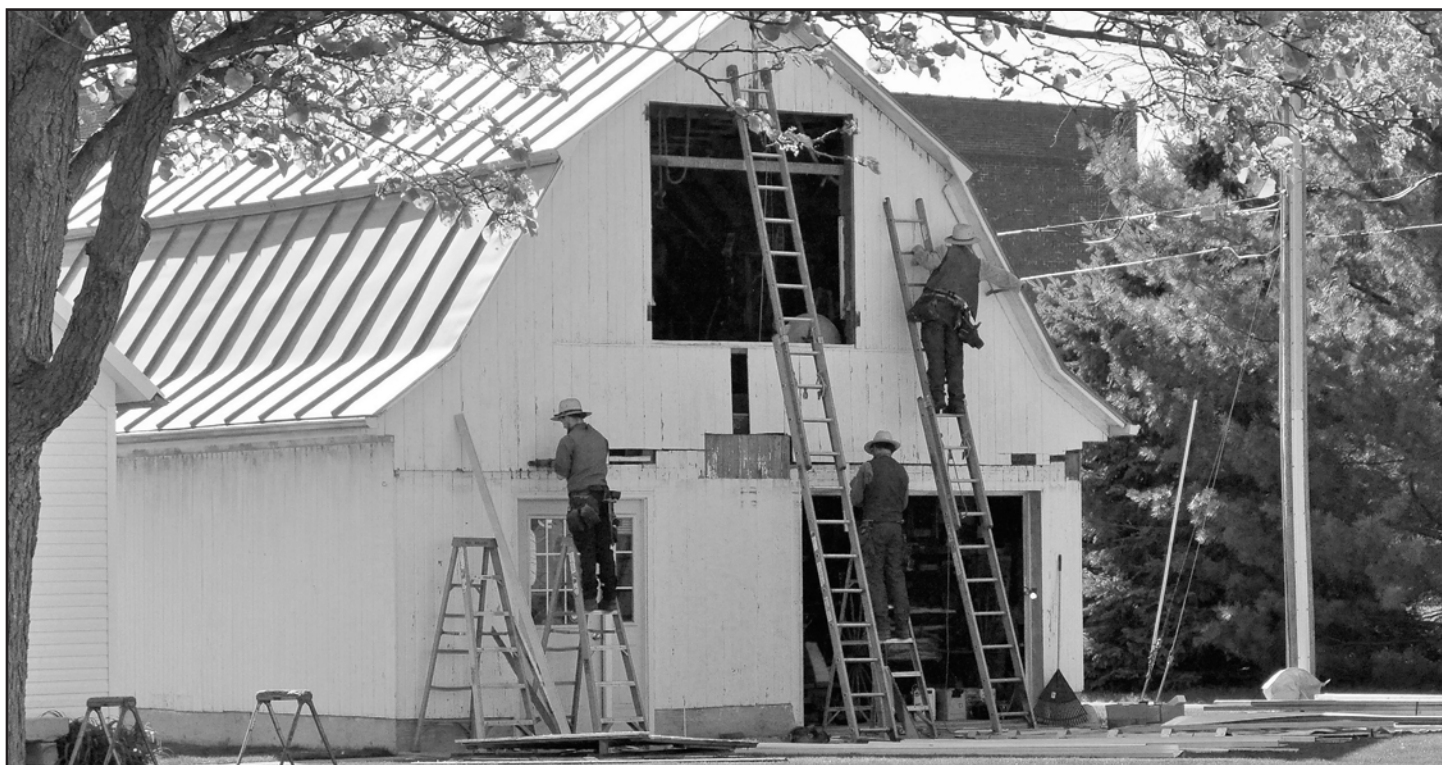
of the barn and then moved to the other four buildings.

The board decided to contract with Hoge Lumber to reside the barn. The work on the other buildings took somewhat longer as we got three quotes from people with experience restoring older

buildings. The lowest bid came from Meyer Restoration in Piqua.

Pictures of the work appear on the following pages of the newsletter.

Below is a picture of the barn being resided by Schwartz, an Amish crew contracted by Hoge's.





Meyer Restoration began work in the fall on the four additional buildings and had the work completed in about two months.

The work on the house involved cleaning, patching and painting the foundation with two coats of water-proof coating, repairing the damaged wood on the front porch as well as painting the front porch. You can see the finished product below left.



The doctor's office involved power washing the entire office with a soft wash and replacing bricks that had deteriorated or were cracked.







The back door to the doctor's office was painted by Todd Spieles.



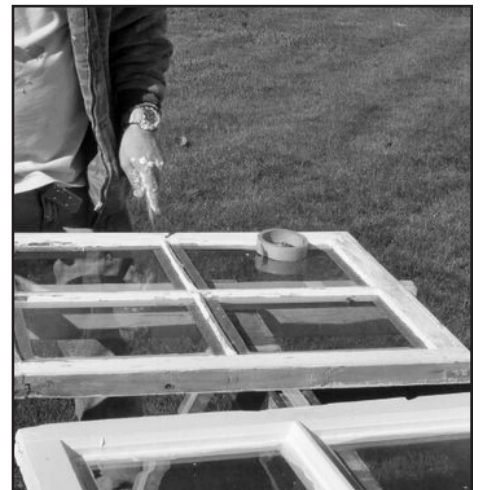
The doctor's office also required spot priming and two coats of paint as well as cleaning and repairing

any deteriorated wood in the soffit, doors and storm windows.



The house's summer kitchen proved to be the most work. The original windows were cleaned, painted, and restored. The chimney was removed

and rebuilt from bricks that were gathered at the Steve Kuck farm, and the roof was painted to match the adjacent barn.



Finally, work was done on the log cabin. Work here involved inspecting the logs for deterioration and removing as necessary, filling in holes with a daubing material, and applying a clear water repellent to all exterior surfaces.

The restoration cost almost \$38,000, so we have a little left. Our immediate goal is to bring the building on East Bremen Street to the museum grounds. It was originally erected in 1915 by George Kattman for his barber shop. When he retired, Charles Bielefeld bought the building for storage. It has had several owners since then, including Robert Kuck, John and Woody Hoge and Mrs. Gary Halbert, who turned it into a beauty shop, which it has been until the present. It and the building on the other side of the alley have been bought by the town and this building was offered to the historical society.

The newly restored summer kitchen and barn are available for touring during the open houses. Our curator, Rusty Elsass, has redone the inside of the barn, so more awaits you during a visit.



Sept. 11 saw the unveiling of the historic sign recognizing that the house, doctor's office and summer kitchen were placed on the register of historic places in 1983.

The sign was paid for by the William Pomeroy Foundation and the bricks around it were laid through a donation from Chalk Landscaping.

Former board member Roberta Tanzini and Beverly Fledderjohann, wife of former board member and president Myron, now deceased, unveiled the sign.

# Books and Gifts

Are you looking for books just for reading or books for researching your ancestry? Perhaps you need a gift for someone to remember New Knoxville. We have what you might be looking for.

Visit the kitchen in the house to see what books are available. Prices are on the counter. We also have decks of cards showcasing Neil Armstrong. These were made possible through the Auglaize County Historical Society. Our gifts include afghans with likenesses of key places in old New Knoxville for \$39, Sesquicentennial plates that depict four locations in New Knoxville for \$5, a trivet that depicts the old town hall for \$1 and Dr. Fledderjohann's bottles with the original labels for \$5.

We also have new Centennial books. These have a table of contents and poems by Matilda Kiefer. The printing was paid for through the many donations for historian Myron Fledderjohann and a tribute to him appears in the back.

And don't forget about yearbooks. We have several, and they sell for \$5 each. We have some from the 50's on to the present and a few from the 1940's.

We also have Pat Wietholter's paintings of Hometown America I, II, and III. They are \$50 each or \$125 for a set of three.

## Annual meeting to be held April 21

The annual meeting is back, and the evening will honor the military and once again celebrate the beginning of Post 444 of the American Legion in New Knoxville, this time on its 102nd anniversary.

We will be presenting a slide show of the legion as it has progressed through the years as well as old pictures of the building when it was a creamery and included a pond at the east side of the building.

The evening of celebration, scheduled for April 21, begins with a buffet dinner at 6:00 at the First Church Ministry Center. A short business meeting and pro-

gram begins at 7:00. Anyone who wishes to attend the program but not the meal is welcome to come at 7:00.

The meal, catered by Main Street Station, begins at 6:00 P.M. On the menu is beef, chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, California blend, cole slaw, roll and cookies. Water, lemonade and coffee are available.

Tickets cost \$15.00 and can be purchased at the Village Market by April 16. Anyone from out of town who would like to come for the dinner may contact Janean Oberlander by phone at 419-753-2077 or by e-mail at [joberland@nktelco.net](mailto:joberland@nktelco.net).

## Open Houses

The museum will be open the fourth Sunday of the month from 1-4 p.m.

from

May - October.

May 22

June 26

July 24

August 28

September 25

October 23



# Please consider a membership

The New Knoxville Historical Society is looking for new members. This newsletter is mailed to all members, but maybe you know someone who would be interested in becoming a member, or you are receiving a complimentary copy.

A membership helps to support an organization that strives to preserve our community's heritage. Your membership also allows you to have a say in how this organization spends its money and how we celebrate our heritage.

Membership is relatively inexpensive, considering a single lifetime membership cost just \$50. Yearly memberships are also available for \$10 per person.

One of the best ways to promote interest in our heritage is with a student membership—just \$1 for anyone in grade or high school.

Joining is simple. Fill out the membership form below and send it and a check to Janean Oberlander, Box 372, New Knoxville, OH 45871.

## Membership Form

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Life membership\_\_\_\_\_ or Yearly membership\_\_\_\_\_ Amount\_\_\_\_\_

## COMMEMORATIVE AND MEMORIAL BRICKS

Bricks are available for \$50 each and provide financial and visual support from families and friends who desire to preserve our heritage. Our display is between the house and the doctor's office. Fill out the form below and send it and a check to Janean Oberlander, Box 372, New Knoxville, OH 45871.

## Brick Order

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Name on brick\_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed\_\_\_\_\_

## Memorial Plaque honors members who died

The following names will appear on our Memorial Plaque in our Heritage Museum.

Rev. Dale G. Kuck	March 8, 2021
Ralph E. Stroh	March 15, 2021
Myron H. Fledderjohann	August 21, 2021
Carolyn Leffel Bambauer	November 14, 2021
Teresa Haas Bambauer	December 2, 2021
Lee Roy Kuhlman	December 3, 2021
Helen Fledderjohann Wellman	December 30, 2021
Lloyd "Red" Kuck	February 3, 2022

## New Lifetime Members

Sarah Settlage Baker, Troy, Ohio  
 Ned Katterheinrich, Ospray, Florida  
 James and Betty Koenig, Tempe, Arizona  
 Amy Kuck Mejsstrik, Bentonville, Arkansas  
 David Schwabero, Reading, Michigan  
 Mark Schwabero, Naperville, Illinois  
 Barb Sims, New Knoxville, Ohio  
 Peggy Hoelscher Yoder, Ashland, Ohio

## Recommended Slate of Officers

President	Todd Spieles
Vice president	Janean Oberlander
Secretary	Diane Fledderjohann
Treasurer	
Trustees	Douglas Hoelscher
2022-2025	Devin Kuck

## Trustees & Board Members Already Serving

2020-2023	Kirk Stienecker Ron Weaver
2021-2024	Mike Neuman Allen Schroer
Curator & cataloging	Rusty Elsass
Photographer & artwork	Larry Niemeyer

Your Valuable Donations make  
 Our Historical Society an Active Museum

## 2021-2022 Partial List of Acquisitions

- \*Dr. R.G. Slusher/C.E. Meckstroth medicine bottles
- \*Charles Meckstroth family photos
- \*1917 post card and photos of Zella Eversman family
- \*1912 post card looking north on Main Street
- \*1951 poll list for general election
- \*1994-1996 parade and town hall photos
- \*1924 and 1929 sports photos and school photos
- \*1912 schoolbook
- \*1930 diploma and pennant
- \*1909 eighth grade graduation photo
- \*1948 commencement program
- \*1912, 1938, 1960 Reformed Church photos
- \*1910 confirmation booklet and photo
- \*1870 song book of Herman Lutterbein
- \*1959 nail apron & photos from Richard Eschmeyer Sawmill
- \*1928 school orchestra photo
- \* Kuck/Schrolucke/Schroer family tree book  
1830-1999 and 1872-1999
- \* old buggy lantern
- \*Mahn/Cook family photos
- \*war ration book
- \*Centennial and sesquicentennial tapes from the UCC  
and Methodist churches
- \*newspaper clippings
- \*Hoge Lumber thermometer
- \*Brookside Dairy bottle cap and bottle
- \*Eversman Dry Goods booklet
- \*Vornholt Funeral Home matchbook
- \*Auglaize Landmark pie server, seed bags, ruler, pens,  
1951 calendar, photos
- \*ladies vintage gloves
- \*old sheet music
- \*New Knoxville Rangers Field baseball poster
- \*New Knoxville ruby glass souvenir dish
- \*Ben Cook Store soda fountain dishes
- \*Ladbergen mugs and cups
- \*old tools
- \*bag from Eversman's Meat Market
- \*voting packet from 2020 election
- \* Life magazine on Great Churches in American
- \* WashingtonTownship Banner-Wierwille family tree
- \*yearbooks

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## **Historical Society Annual Meeting**

Thursday, April 21, 2022    First Church Ministry Center

Dinner - 6:00 p.m.    Business meeting & program - 7:00

### **Salute to our Military**

## **ADDRESS CHANGE**

Notify Janean Oberlander of a change of address in one of the following ways:

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