

# Noble County Historical Society

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The Officers and Trustees of the Noble County Historical Society invite you to join us **June 7 at 7:00 p.m.** for the annual

meeting. The meeting will be held at Summit Acres Senior Apartments. The subject of the meeting is “**ANTIQUUE TOOLS AND THEIR USES**”

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It is the mission of The Noble County Historical Society, Inc. to collect, preserve, exhibit and promotes the history of Noble County, Ohio and to educate all who have a desire to learn.

## HIGH SCHOOL LETTERS

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Do you know where your high school letter is? Is it tucked away in a drawer or box somewhere? The Historic Jail Museum is looking for high school letters from the Caldwell and Noble County Schools. We are working on the Military/School/Band Room and would like to have a display of academic, sports, band, and cheerleader letters. We are especially interested in letters from those schools that are no longer in operation such as Sarahsville, Belle Valley, Dexter City, etc. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dave Davis for his Caldwell High School letter and Dick Flood for his Batesville letter. If you would like a good home for a special part of your high school days, we promise to take very good care of it. We have lots of school pictures; you never know we may have one to go with your letter!

## DR. SHERMAN B. SMITH

Dr. Sherman Smith served Noble County from the early 1960s to mid 2006. Not only did he have his medical practice and serve as Noble County Coroner for many years but he took an active role in the local schools, Noble County tourism, the Chamber of Commerce, and Recreation projects. Dr. Smith was primary in the preservation of the Thorla-McKee oil well located just off SR 564. The Historic Jail Museum has a wonderful picture of Dr. Smith, some items he received from patients, and even a plaque or two. The items make an interesting display to honor a delightful man. Dr. Smith and his wife Joan have moved from Noble County but their love for our county remains. Please stop and see this great display.



## LIBRARIAN'S ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Are you a retired librarian? Have you had training in library work? Would you like to spend a few hours a month organizing the research/library room at the Historic Jail Museum?

If the above describes you, please call or stop in at the Museum. Your services would be greatly appreciated. Volunteering for a worthwhile project can be fun and very rewarding.

## **BIG MUSKIE DISPLAY**

In June 1969, Big Muskie took her first steps toward a 22-year job of moving mountains of dirt and rock, in order to uncover tons of clean coal. She ran 24 hours per day, 364 days a year. Christmas Day was a day of rest.

"Big Muskie" was the name given to the Bucyrus-Erie model 4250-W walking dragline, the only one of its kind ever built by the company. She was known as the world's largest earth-moving machine. People came from all over the world to look at her.

In January 1991, Big Muskie dragged her last load of earth as the demand for high-sulfur coal, because of the Clean Air Act Amendment of 1990, dropped. The powerful giant was now silent.

Big Muskie served the next eight years as a tourist attraction in the Southeast Ohio hills. However, in February 1999, Pennsylvania-based



Mayer-Pollock Steel demolished her.

All that remains of Big Muskie is one of her three buckets, which serves as a monument to Central Ohio Coal employees. It is located at Miners Memorial Park, just 16 miles west of Caldwell, right along SR 78.

Robert Denney, former employee of Central Ohio Coal Company, has donated a cross-section of Big Muskie's 13,800-volt shielded trailing cable, which supplied power to operate the machine. The intricate groups of tiny bundles of wire suggest the appearance of a work of art.

Also, included in the display are photos, books, and a notebook containing newspaper articles about Big Muskie.

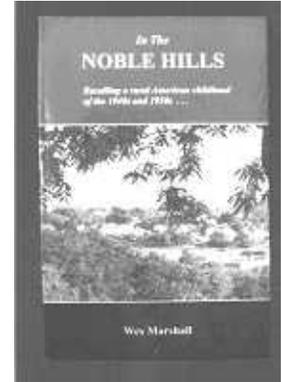
## **FOUR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS PASS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP LIST**

Four longtime members of the Noble County Historical Society have passed away. They are, T. Dye Barnhouse, Hugh Walters, Jean Denney, and Myron Merry. The Society sincerely appreciates the support given by these fine folks and extends sympathy to their families.

## NEW SHIPMENT OF WES MARSHALL BOOKS “IN THE NOBLE HILLS”

The Noble County Historical Society has received a shipment of IN THE NOBLE HILLS from Marilyn Marshall. She has donated them in memory of her late husband Wes Marshall, who authored the book. The Society will realize all profits from the sales. The books are again available, for sale, at the Historic Jail Museum, for \$20.00 each plus sales tax.

Other local authors who have books for sale at the Museum include, Roger Pickenpaugh, Gary Williams, Mary Lou Podlasiak, Ken Williams, and Dennis and Kay Flowers. All books by local authors, as well as reprints of Noble County History books, are available at the Historic Jail Museum.



## DISPLAY CASES DONATED



Randy Clark from the Dexter City Auction Gallery has donated three large display cases and two small tabletop cases, for use at the Historic Jail Museum. Two of the large cases will be used for displays in the general store, located in one of the upstairs cells. The other one will be used in the military room to display smaller items for military, band and miscellaneous artifacts. The Society sincerely appreciates the generosity of Randy.

Robert and Brent Cole donated the manpower and delivered the display cases to the Historic Jail Museum. Assistance from Tim Hayes of Hayes True Value/Just Ask Rental, along with a bobcat skid steer was used to hoist the cases to the back door of the second story cell area.

The Society appreciates the assistance of everyone involved in this project.

## JIM GARVIN FABRICATES DOORS FOR DISPLAY CASES

Jim Garvin, local wood craftsman, gave a helping hand to fabricate two sets of doors for the display cases to be used in the general store room. Jim is always willing to help when called upon.

Jim and Sue Garvin also donated a one-drawer oak stand table, crafted by Jim and given in memory of Myrtle Ake, to the Historic Jail Museum

The Society truly appreciates the help and encouragement from Jim and Sue.

## **NOBLE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting of the Noble County Historical Society will take place on June 7 at 7:00 p.m. It will be held in the Activities Room at the Summit Acres Senior Apartments.

John Grabianowski, local tool collector, will be the guest speaker. He will bring some tools with him to show and talk about. John has also invited the public to bring a tool to show or to be identified. He will make an attempt to identify those tools.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served. The Senior Apartments are located next to Summit Acres Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Complex. Drive to the back of the building and enter under the covered driveway.

## **GARY WILLIAMS CRANKS OUT ANOTHER BOOK**

Local author, Gary Williams, has done it again. **HISTORIC TOURS OF OHIO** is the title of his new book. It will serve as an indispensable field guide to Ohio heritage tourism. It features contact information for over 100 historical sites in the state covering Ohio history from the Mound Builders to Neil Armstrong. It is ideal for students of Ohio history to plan their next one-tank trip into the states storied past. Gary's book is also a great read for anyone interested in historical sites in Ohio.

Congratulations Gary, on the publication of another book. Keep up the good work! Gary's book is available for sale at the Historic Jail Museum for \$20 plus sales tax.



To view the **Ohio Historical Markers in Ohio**, text on the marker, and for more information about the sites visit the internet site <http://www.remarkableohio.org/>

There are two markers in Noble County. The Thorla McKee Well and The Shenandoah Site at Ava, Ohio.

### JAIL 200 CLUB'S ANNUAL PARTY

On March 25, members of the Jail 200 Club met at the Historic Jail Museum to enjoy refreshments and participate in the annual drawing of prize money. Betty Nau was awarded \$300; Regina Bridgman, \$200; Eleanor Moore, \$100; Cora Yocco, \$50.



Judy McMullen and Pat Clark

Money derived from the Jail 200 Club enables the Society to pay the utilities and liability insurance for the Museum. The Society sincerely appreciates the generosity of the faithful members. New members have been added to the list for 2007. Thank you one and all for your contribution.

If you are not a member of the Jail 200 Club, the Society invites you to join. The membership fee is \$50 per year.

Each month four names are drawn with \$50 being awarded to each of those people. The names are placed back into the container and they are eligible for the next month's drawing.

It is not too late to join the club, as monthly drawings will be held each month from April 1, 2007 to April 1, 2008. Winners of the April drawing were, Willard Radcliff, Wendy Craycraft, Margaret Brienza and Dale McMullen.

### Mail this coupon to join the Jail 200 Club

Noble County Historical Society  
PO Box 128  
Caldwell, Ohio 43724

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Membership is from April 1, 2007 to April 1, 2008

## OAHSM REGION 10 MEETING

Attending the OAHSM regional meeting in April were Pat Clark, Diane Cole, Joy Flood, Judy McMullen and Judy Robinson. The day started at the Cambridge Glass Museum with the formal meeting, including guest speakers.

Those in attendance enjoyed the wonderful displays of glass and also, the unique full bodied manikins in the display.

After a delicious lunch at Theo's Restaurant, the group met at the Cambridge-Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau for the afternoon session. Dave Adair and Steve Stolarik performed a skit on coal mining. They also do this skit on the Byesville Scenic Railroad as a form of oral history.

The group then visited the Guernsey County Historical Society's museum. They have a fine collection of antique clothes, a variety of furniture and interesting artifacts.

### Were You Born in Dr. Thompson's Hospital



Are you one of the babies delivered by Dr. Thompson? Were you delivered at home, in Dr. Thompson's Hospital, or in another hospital?

If you were born during the years 1939- 1971, there's a possibility that you were born in Dr. Charles F.

Thompson's Hospital located on Cumberland Street, Caldwell, Ohio Housed in the Historic Jail Museum, in one of the cells is a display in memory of Dr. Thompson. The Society is putting together a "Cradle Roll" of babies delivered by Dr. Thompson to add to this display.

On the form below, we would like for you to provide the requested information, in order to add you to the cradle roll. Mothers – Add your children!

Full Name at Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Born in Thompson's Hospital? \_\_\_\_\_ At Home? \_\_\_\_\_

Other? (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (If more information needed) \_\_\_\_\_

The phone number will not be made a part of the cradle roll.

## Books for Sale

Parts of the proceeds are returned to Noble County Historical Society.  
Noble County Sales Tax Included

Noble County Illustrated Atlas 1876	\$ 37.99
Noble County History 1887 by L.H. Watkins (indexed)	\$ 53.50
Noble County History 1904 by Frank M. Martin (indexed)	\$ 32.10
Soakum by H. E. Danford (paperback)	\$ 18.73
Johnny Appleseed in the Duck Creek Valley (paperback)	\$ 3.75

These make wonderful gifts for those hard to buy for. Also located at the Historic Jail are many other books by local authors. Call or stop by

Other authors who have books available at the Historic Jail include: Roger Pickenpaugh, Mary Lou Podlasiak, Gary Williams, Ken Williams, Wes Marshall, Dianne Wehrs Vezza, Emma Rich Booher, Fanchon Warfield, Kay Flowers, Dennis Flowers, Ben Hayes.

## Upcoming Events

- May 26 – Shenandoah High School Graduation
- May 26 – Dexter City School Reunion – (Contact Howard Nau 732-4790)
- May 27 – Caldwell High School Graduation
- May 27 – Chicken BBQ and Bingo at St Michael’s Church, Carlisle
- May 28 - Memorial Day Parade at Caldwell, Dexter City, Summerfield and Batesville
- June 7 – Historical Society Annual Meeting at Summit Acres Senior Apartments
- June 8-9 – Relay for Life – Noble County Fairgrounds
- June 9 – Steak Fry 4:00 pm -?? Caldwell Volunteer Fire Dept.
- June 9-10 – **Art on the Square** – Caldwell
- June 16 – Belle Valley Days starting at 11:00 am
- June 16 – Sarahsville School Reunion (Mary Beaver 732-4600)
- June 23-24 Townsquare Quilt Lovers Quilt Show at Caldwell Elementary
- June 30 – Belle Valley School Reunion (Betty Archer 732-9886)
- July 4 - 4-H Chicken BBQ and Fireworks at Fairgrounds
- July 26-28 - Caldwell Fireman’s Festival, Caldwell
- July 28 -Caldwell School Reunion (Judy Brown 732-2957)
- Aug 27 – Sept. 1 Noble County Fair
- Sept. 3 - Labor Day Dinner & Homecoming – St. Mary’s- Fulda, Ohio
- Sept. 29-30– Soakum Festival – Noble County Fairgrounds
- Oct. 7– Homecoming and Hog Roast at Corpus Christi Church, Belle Valley



Each year the Historical Society invites and encourages you to pay yearly dues for **membership in The Noble County Historical Society, Inc.** The membership fees are \$10.00 for Single, \$15.00 for Family and \$100.00 per individual for Lifetime. Memberships were renewable on June 1, 2006. With your membership, the Society maintains the historic structures in Heritage Park. We are very fortunate to have this beautiful area on the Noble County Fairgrounds. It serves as a perfect setting for the Soakum Festival in September and provides a learning site for school children.

Heritage Park is a wonderful place to take your lunch and spend an hour or so in a relaxing atmosphere. If you have not visited the park in the cool of the morning or the quiet of late afternoon, treat yourself to a visit.

**I want to become a member!**  
 Please accept membership for

Individual membership: \$10.00  
 Family membership: \$15.00  
 Life membership: \$100.00  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_

**GIVE A GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP**

Do you have someone on your gift list that is hard to buy for? Perhaps you might consider giving them a membership in the Noble County Historical Society. Individual memberships are \$10.00 per year. Family memberships are \$15.00 per year and Lifetime is \$100.00 per individual.

If you choose to buy a membership as a gift, the Society will notify that person of your gift. You may complete the Gift Membership below and return it to the Noble County Historical Society, P.O. Box 128, Caldwell, OH 43724.

**Gift Membership** in The Noble County Historical Society (Please Print)

To: Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State : \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 { Individual (\$10.00) { Family (\$15.00) { Life (\$100.00)

From Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State : \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: THE NOBLE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC  
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