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Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Our meeting will feature the program "**Emma Lucy Braun, Cincinnati Botanist and Pioneer Ecologist.**" E. Lucy Braun (pronounced Brown) was a Botany and Ecology major, graduating as the second woman to receive a PhD from the University of Cincinnati in science in 1915. Her sister Annette was the first to receive a PhD several years earlier in entomology. Lucy was an environmentalist before the term was popularized. She is well known for her pioneering work in plant ecology and for her advocacy of natural area conservation, specifically Lynx Prairie in Adams County, Ohio. She is renowned for her study of the Northeastern America's deciduous forest. She was a pioneer in her field and her life's work *The Deciduous Trees of Eastern North America* (1950) is still a valuable resource used by horticulturalists world-wide. Her story is of interest to all of us since she lived fifty years of her life on Salem Road and at least one of our members knew her family.

Wednesday, March 4, 2020, Annual Dinner

The 52nd Anniversary ATHS Dinner Meeting

Our yearly banquet meeting includes the election and installation of ATHS Officers and Trustees. The Executive Board, after limited discussion, decided to survey surrounding venues to see if a better location in Anderson Township could be used for the Annual Meeting and Dinner. After a brief search, it was decided that the American Legion Patriot Center, a few doors down from the Log House, was an outstanding choice.

The Patriot Center, 6660 Clough Pike, is a modern facility with plenty of room for our expected number of guests and plenty of close-in parking. The Center is well equipped to provide the services we need to have a successful dinner meeting at a very reasonable cost. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. with dinner served buffet style at 6:30. The Center highly recommended a local caterer as a source of food for the dinner. The catering service is "At Your Service NOW." For more information on this service

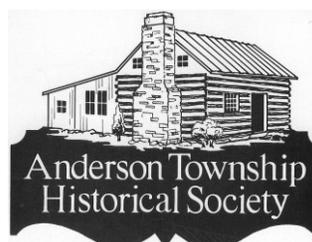
please look them up on Facebook. The menu for 2020 has been upgraded allowed by the reduced venue cost and includes tossed salad, top round of beef in gravy, baked dill crusted salmon fillet, vegetables, potatoes, dinner rolls and delicious dessert.

The cost for this feast will be \$23 per person. You will need to **make your reservation by February 24** using the included form and payment to ATHS. You may mail the form to ATHS, Attn: Bob King, PO Box 30174, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230.

Our program for the Dinner is a very special one. The speaker will be **Cheri Brinkman** presenting her new reenactment of Laura Bellini, acclaimed 19th century opera singer. Ms. Brinkman has done many traditional presentations on historical topics for our group. She has also performed in professional theater and opera and will bring to life this character in authentic period costume. Laura Bellini was born Laura Woolwine in about 1850 in Lebanon. Her family moved to Cincinnati so Laura would have opportunities to train her voice. Laura Bellini toured the United States singing then went to Italy and fame and adventure. In Europe, she sang before Queen Victoria, owned an opera company, toured Europe and debuted a famous opera. After living a life of success, Laura Bellini sadly died in poverty as many of her opera heroines do. Our speaker will sing snatches of Laura Bellini's favorite songs. Plan on making reservations for yourself and friends for this delightful evening.

See ATHS on the web:

www.AndersonTownshipHistoricalSociety.org



ATHS meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Atrium, near the History Room, unless otherwise noted.

Meetings are free and the public is invited.

Refreshments and fellowship follow the programs. We look forward to seeing YOU at these interesting and informative meetings.

2020-2021 Membership Dues

ATHS annual dues for the year May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021 are due on May 1, 2020. Please send along your dues payment and stay up-to-date. THANK YOU.

Please send your check to ATHS, P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH, 45230 or pay at the next meeting. The rates are:

Single \$ 10.00

Couple \$ 20.00

Family \$ 25.00

Patron/Corporate \$ 300.00

Lifetime – Single \$ 150.00

Lifetime – Couple \$ 200.00

Thank you!

Election of Officers and Trustees

The Nominating Committee (Don Perry, Sonia Shively and Nancy Krueger) will present the following slate of Officers and Trustees at the March 4, 2020 Annual Dinner Meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

The Slate is as follows:

President	Don Perry
Vice President	Nancy Krueger
Treasurer	Robert King
Secretary	Lyn Scheper
Trustee (3 yr term)	Nick Gressle
Trustee (3 yr term)	Lexie Stevenson

Visit the History Room This Winter

Learn about the history of Anderson through photos, hands-on exhibits and artifacts at the History Room, Lower Level, Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road. The History Room is a joint project of ATHS and Anderson Township. Volunteers from ATHS staff the History Room. The History Room open hours are Sunday and Wednesday afternoons, 1 to 4 p.m.

Join the Kroger Community Rewards Program and Support ATHS!

If you're a Kroger shopper, there's no easier way to support the Society than registering for the Community Rewards Program and using your Kroger Plus Card. **Current members of the reward program do not have to register again.** We encourage all members to link their Kroger Plus Cards with the Community Rewards Program. **To register, visit**

www.krogercommunityrewards.com.

Click Cincinnati Ohio and follow the step by step instructions. Enter agency number **C1262** or Anderson Township Historical Society. Call 1-800-294-4438 option #2 for assistance.

Thank you for supporting ATHS and spread the word to your families, neighbors and friends!

The *Surveyor* is the quarterly newsletter of the Anderson Township Historical Society, mailed to all members. If you have a change in address, phone number or e-mail address, please contact ATHS at P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH 45230 or send an e-mail to ATHS at athsloghouse@yahoo.com.

Articles, comments, photos, ideas and suggestions for the *Surveyor* are always welcome. E-mail them to picapica@msn.com or give me a call at 231-3390.
– Janet Heywood, Editor

Welcome New Members

Please welcome our new members:

Jacob & Kerry Aicholtz and Howard & Pam Bell
Rochele & Dennis Dietz
Ben Gressle and Nick Gressle
David & Lisa Vogel

Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 7:30 P.M.

Our speaker will be **Millie Henley** who has graced our meetings twice before. We heard members requesting her to speak about Martha Washington when she presented her husband George several years ago. The program will be in the upstairs room at Anderson Center. Millie will be in period attire. Millie tells us that "Martha Washington was an unsung heroine who was more crucial in the nation's founding than you would ever think. George Washington is widely regarded as the 'indispensable man' to the success of the American Revolution and Martha was essential to him in many ways. Hear the fascinating story of her life in 18th century Virginia as many unknown women of the 1770's also made their contributions through serving those they loved." Millie will use power point images to bring Martha to us. Plan on saving the Wednesday, April 1 evening and bring others for meeting "**MARTHA.**"

Anderson Township book available

Anderson Township by ATHS was published by Arcadia Publishing, an "Images of America" book, in the spring of 2018. The 128-page book contains more than 200 vintage photos with captions and introductory text. **Copies are for sale for the special price of \$20** at ATHS events and at the History Room. - Janet Heywood, Research Chair

Volunteers Needed

ATHS is in need of some volunteers, please consider helping where you have interest.

Log House Area Docents - Tour guides give tours on Open Houses days and special events. The team shares the various tour times from May - October. Contact: Diane Schneider 513-232-6552 or email gshneider1@cinci.rr.com.

Anderson Center History Room Docents - Docents on duty at the History Room during open hours Sunday and Wednesday afternoons 1 - 4 p.m. Contact: Janet Heywood 513-231-3390 or email picapica@msn.com; Sharon & Don Perry 513-231-4304 or email sperry38@zoomtown.com

Log House Gardeners - For those of you who like to work with plants. Planting, trimming, weeding and general maintenance are needed, primarily with the gardens around the Log House area. Contact: Ann King 513-315-1629 or email akc7526@gmail.com or Nancy Krueger 513-478-7480 or email nrunner@fuse.net.

ATHS Plant Sale Helpers - On the Saturday before Mother's Day, ATHS has a Plant Sale fundraiser. About a month beforehand, we need lots of helpers to dig, pot plants, set up tables, and find donations of locally grown plants. Helpers are needed the day of the sale. Contact: Ann King 513-315-1629 or email akc7526@gmail.com or Nancy Krueger 513-478-7480 or email nrunner@fuse.net

ATHS Country Store - Fall event. ATHS has an annual fundraiser every year on the last weekend of September, we need Committee Members, Booth Chairs and Helpers for Set-up and Take-down, and Helpers at the event. Contact: Kenny Burck 513-851-9549 or email kburck@juno.com.

Raffle Prize Dinner for Eight Event - Fall event. Participate on a Planning Committee, set up dining table in Log House, decorate & set table, prepare food, serve food, handle fire in the fireplace, clean-up, wash dishes. Contact: Diane Schneider 513-232-6552 or email gshneider1@cinci.rr.com; or Lyn Scheper 513-231-1559 or email lyn.scheper@gmail.com

Property Committee - Committee oversees the ATHS Buildings and Property. Committee members routinely check buildings to see if there are any problems. If a problem arises, the Committee reports to the Board and works on a plan to repair it. Committee members oversee any repairs and replacements. One specific area that needs care is "Cleaning or Helping around Log House Area." Tasks include taking out & bringing in trash cans weekly during April through October. If you can help, please contact: Lou Trent 513-231-3015 or email maysvillelouis@gmail.com.

President's Message

2019 has come to an end. It has been a very productive year for our Society with many accomplishments. We are financially secure and our membership has increased a little. Our Board and committee chairs are all filled. The Urban Farm and its volunteers continue to be a great addition to the Society and the community.

Most of our buildings and properties have had major improvements in the last several years and most of the bigger expenditures have already been made. Progress on the lower barn continues with the new displays, lighting and new things to demonstrate how a farm operated years ago.

One new demonstration is to see how hay bales were lifted into the hayloft. We are still working on how to operate the device in one of our wells near the Log House to demonstrate getting water from a spring in the ground.

I hope you plan to attend our Annual meeting and dinner on March 4. Our new location for the event that night is located just a few buildings east of our Log House on Clough Pike so it will be easy to locate. My term as President ends in March and our nominating committee has a list of new candidates to be elected. We will have some newer members from the Urban Farm group on our ballot. This should better merge our activities together into an even more cohesive group. Daryl Meyerranke from the Urban Farm group is already a Board member. I will continue to serve on the Board as the Past-President.

The upper barn on Bartels Road now has new cupolas atop the roof and they look great. Some of the windows in that barn need to be repaired or replaced. I am in favor of painting the upper barn and repairing some of the broken lumber, but I have heard others saying they like the way it looks now. I like the red color with white trim, but others have said they do not like the red color. Hopefully we will come to a conclusion on how to preserve the existing wood. If you have an opinion, let any Board member know.

It has been my pleasure to serve you a total of five terms as President.

As many of you know my ancestors were the second owners of the Log House and lived in it for at least 40 years (1826-1867). So I will continue to dedicate some of my time and talents to our beloved group.

Kenny Burck, President,
cell #513-260-0238 or kburck@juno.com

ATHS Urban Farm Looks Ahead

As the Anderson Township Historical Society Urban Farm enters its second full year of operation it is looking to build off of the successes established in its first year. After removing invasive species such as honeysuckle and purple creeper from the interior and southern perimeter of the property, the Urban Farmer volunteers have turned their attention to the invasive species north of the Gardens growing along the property line of the ATHS farm and schools (Turpin High School and Mercer Elementary). All invasive species and dead trees were removed from this area shortly before Christmas and the farm is looking to replace that buffer zone with one that is a variety of plants that are much more manageable. The additional area will also allow the farm to add at least 20 more leasable garden plots to the 36 we had last year that were completely sold out. In addition, the extra space will provide additional area for a couple pollinator gardens and maybe some fruit trees.

If you wish to use a garden plot this year, please go to the ATHS Urban Farm website and signup at: <https://andersonurbanfarm.com/reserve-your-garden-plot/>. The usage fee is \$75/plot and all plots are 20 feet x 5 feet wide. We will have a three foot walkway between plots. The Anderson Urban Farm is an organic farm and we don't allow the use of chemicals or pesticides. However, we have many options available for fertilizer and weed control. There are also many resources and gardeners ready to help! Checks are payable to Anderson Township Historical Society; please mail to Anderson Township Historical Society, c/o Anderson Urban Farm, PO Box 30174, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230. We are working towards a goal of having the plots available for use in March.

The existing garden areas are currently covered with shredded leaves and dried aged horse manure that will be plowed in to the gardens to enhance the soil in early spring.



Photos are views at the "Harvest Fair" held at the Urban Farm on Sunday, October 20, 2019.



The Urban Farm will once again host the spring "Seed Bash" Open House for the farm tentatively scheduled for the evening of May 16. The very popular "Summer Solstice" & "Harvest Fair" (held in June and October this past year) will again mark the summer and fall seasons. The Urban

Farm plans to fill the gaps between these events by hosting monthly "Bands in the Barn" get-togethers that will be open to the public and provide opportunities for local farmers and artisans to make their products available to the community.

Livestock additions to the farm begin this spring with the addition of a collaborative Chicken Tractor - Chicksaw project with Mercer Elementary School. The "Chicksaw" is a movable enclosure for half a dozen hens that Mrs. Cox's third grade class will be taking care of and studying. The "Chicksaw" has been designed and in the process of being built by Mr. Glasers' engineering class at Turpin High School with criteria provided by Mrs. Martin's sixth grade class at Mercer.

Nature walks and tours of the farm will also be scheduled this year and we are also looking to add a bee keeper. If you have experience or just an interest in either of the above please contact Daryl Meyerrenke by phone at 513-646-8037 or by email at dmeyerrenke@yahoo.com.

Those interested in supporting the Urban Farm can do so by making a tax-deductible donation to the Anderson Township Historical Society Urban Farm project. For additional information, please see our website Andersonurbanfarm.com or the Society's website at andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org.

- Daryl Meyerrenke & Nick Gressle

ATHS E-mail Notices

If you would like to receive e-mail reminders for all the ATHS monthly meetings and other events, send an e-mail to athsloghouse@yahoo.com and we will add your e-mail address to the ATHS e-mail list.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK . . .

You can never get enough of what you don't need to make you happy.
Lou Trent

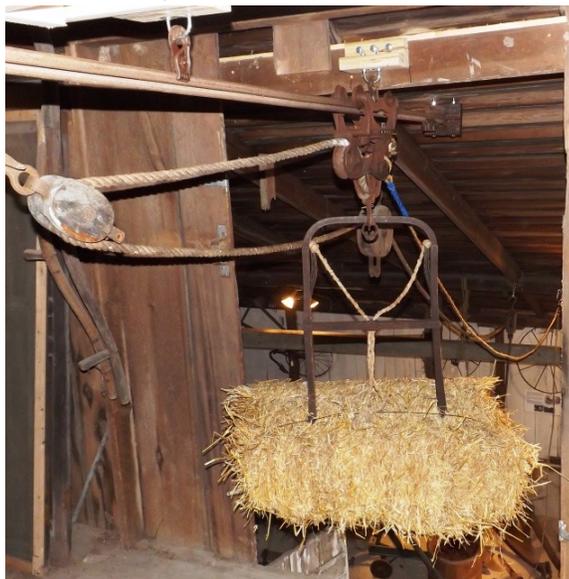
2019 Hay Lift Project

The Clough Pike barn's original purpose was animal housing. The livestock, horses and cows, were housed on the main floor. Hay and straw for feed and bedding were stored in the loft. Physical evidence would indicate the main entry doors into the older section of the barn were added after the barn was in use. Likewise, the staircase to the loft is likely an addition made by ATHS. Products were traditionally loaded into the barn by means of a rope/pulley/fork type arrangement.



Overall view of the newly installed historical hay lift in the Clough Pike barn. The photographs show the current configuration of the system.

To more completely demonstrate the purpose of the barn, the addition of a historically correct hay lift system was proposed. The system would consist of a Louden Junior hay trolley, hay harpoon, trolley trip, stops, and rail. Additional components necessary would include rail hanging hardware, ropes, and pulleys.



Trolley, harpoon and rail as hay enters the loft.



Lift and return ropes

The 200' of large diameter rope that was used for lifting hay by the Leusers was retrieved from the loft, inspected and cleaned. Additional ropes for the trolley return and pulleys were purchased. With all preparations complete, installation was accomplished on October 31 and November 1, 2019. Volunteer Gary Gerwe provided much needed experience and assistance in accomplishing the task. The system was tested for operation. Twisting of the large diameter rope used will make active demonstrations difficult.

- Don Perry



Interior support structure in the loft.

Log House Open Houses - Season 2019

Our Log House was open the first and third Sundays May through October. It was also open on the Saturday of the May ATHS Plant Sale and open for the Anderson Township Garden Tour and Anderson Township's History Day. Groups of school children and a garden club also had guided tours of the grounds. The total for 2019 was 589 visitors. We need volunteers to share the love of history with our many guests.

Please consider becoming a docent for the 2020 season. Contact Diane Schneider at 513-232-6552 if you are willing to help.

- Diane Schneider, Projects Chair

Mercer School Third Graders Visit

It was a beautiful fall day on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, when 105 third graders, four teachers and several parents walked down Bartels Road from Mercer Elementary School to tour the ATHS Log House and nearby barn. The students moved from station to station, learning about the historical marker and the construction of the log house, the cellar, the upstairs, the front room, the middle room, the kitchen and the laundry area, the outhouse, and the barn. ATHS volunteers met the students at each stop to explain things. Student comments from their thank you notes prove they were listening and thinking.

"I thought the trundle beds were super duper duper cool. I also liked the nighttime potty." - Charlotte

"Thank you for teaching me that the cellar is not a prison for children but the food stays until you need it." - Lea

"The bathtub was so cool. Imagine only taking a bath once a week. I would be real stinky!" - Kaitlyn

"The field trip was special. I love that kind of history. Now I see the log cabin in a new way! Before I thought it was just an old cabin with no cool history. You taught me that old things can be exciting. Thank you." - Isaiah

Dinner for Eight

The Country Store raffle prize is a delicious dinner served by candlelight beside the fireplace in the Log House. This year's winners enjoyed beef stew over mashed potatoes with cornbread and pie for dessert. What a wonderful evening for any family or group of friends.

Be sure to purchase your tickets for a chance to win this one of a kind experience before or at Country Store 2020.

"History to Schools" in 2020

ATHS volunteers will again participate in the History to Schools event at Anderson Center. This event is a program for second graders in the Forest Hills School District and third graders at IHM Elementary School. As part of their outing at Anderson Center, students will tour the History Room, experience a one room school house, and view items in a "Then and Now" display.

Several ATHS volunteers are needed to make this a memorable day for the children who will be attending. The estimate is a total of 650 children spread over six days. If you can help on these dates, please contact Diane Schneider at 513-232-6552.

The dates are:

Tuesday, May 5	Wednesday, May 6
Tuesday, May 12	Wednesday, May 13
Tuesday, May 19	Wednesday, May 20



One of the History to Schools days at the History Room, Anderson Center in 2019. On May 1, ATHS volunteer Bob King (second from left) with some of the student visitors examined the "Then and Now" items on display in the lower atrium near the History Room.



Country Store Raffle Winner Dinner at the Log House, November 3, 2019.

Accessions 2019

The ATHS is very grateful for donations of items of interest to the Historical Society. Here is a condensed list of the accessions added to the ATHS collections in 2019.

Since the early 1970s, ATHS has followed the practice used by historical societies and museums, both large and small, of assigning accession numbers to items added to the collections. The accession number consists of a trinomial: "the year. the lot number. the item number." This number is permanently affixed to the item and is recorded in the master sets of Accession Volumes.

2019.1.1 **ATHS Secretary Notebook** for the period December 7, 2016 to December 20, 2017. The notebook includes the minutes (both board meetings and member meetings) kept by Linda Magee who served as ATHS elected Secretary from March 2011 to 2017 and as Scrivener to the present. It begins with the ATHS membership meeting of December 7, 2016 and ends with the membership meeting of December 6, 2017. There was no board meeting in December 2017. Handouts given out at meetings, such as summary reports from the Treasurer, are included. Donated by Linda Magee.

2019.2.1 - 2 Video on a flash drive "**Veteran Interviews April 2019 by Brent Proffitt**" and **cover sheet for public presentation** made by B. Proffitt on April 13, 2019. Video runs 1 hour, 40 minutes and includes interviews with 6 veterans. This work was an Eagle Scout project. Donated by Brett Proffitt.

2019.3.1 - 14 **Fourteen items** including two medicine bottles, a pewter tray, a string keeper dispenser, three 2 quart jars, three quart jars, two pint jars, a bailing hook, and a hewing axe. Donated by John and Meredith Roos.

2019.4.1 **Quilt from the old Gasner farm**, Plainfield, Vermont. Donated by Monica Stayner.

2019.5.1 and .2 **Two documents related to the marriage of Henry O. Johnson and Sallie S. Shaw on April 24, 1889.** One is a 14 x 19 inch decorative sheet celebrating the wedding. The second is a 14 x 17 inch marriage certificate issued by Clermont County. In 1940 Henry Johnson (1860-1943) and Sallie Shaw Johnson (1866-1952) were living on Hunley Road in Anderson Township. Donated by Doreen Haller.

2018.6.1 **McNicholas High School Yearbook dated 1992.** Yearbook is 160 pages with both black-and-white and full color images. On the cover "Rockets in All Directions" 1992.

2019.7. 1 to 7 A **collection of vintage hand tools.** Items 7.1a to j are a group of bits including a wooden box to hold them. 7.2 is a large brace for drilling. 7.3 is a hand drill. 7.4 is a hack saw. 7.5 is a block plane. 7.6a & 7.6b are smooth planes. 7.7 is a coping saw. Donated by the Scheper family.

2019.8. 1 and 2 Framed collection of **baby items** and three **antique hand fans.** The 22 x 32 inch frame holds a baby dress, along with a portrait of the child wearing the garment along with a baby book. (The display is thought to be the child's christening dress.) This display was given in memory of Louis and Joan Lefke. The three fans are made of paper (2a), ivory (2b) and a reddish cloth (2c). Donated by Barbara C. Beebe.

2019.9.1 **Framer's Mortising Chisel.** Tool is 2 inches wide with a cutting depth of about 5 inches. With the handle, the overall length is 11.5 inches. The tool is sharp and in very good condition. It was produced by the Norvell Shapleigh Hardware Company between 1901 and 1918. Purchased by Don Perry from Ebay with Smith grant funds for the log cabin and barn building display area in the Annex.

2019.10.1 - 96 **JPG files of images** from the 2019 **ATHS Country Store** on September 28 and 29. Donated by Charlie Wallace.

2019.11.1- 20 **JPG files of images** from the 2019 **ATHS Country Store.** Donated by Lucy Moore.

2019.12.1 - 22 **JPG files of images** from a **Log House Dinner** on November 2, 2007. Includes participants Brenda and Bob Greer and Sue and Al Wettstein. Donated by Charlie Wallace.

2019.13.1 - 74 **JPG files of images** from the November 3, 2019 **Log House Dinner for Eight** held for the 2019 Country Store raffle prize winner. Includes dinner participants and ATHS volunteers as well as images of the Log House. Donated by Charlie Wallace.



Accession Item 2019.9.1 Framer's Mortising Chisel produced by the Norvell Shapleigh Hardware Company of St. Louis, Missouri.

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Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event	Start Time
February 5	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
February 19	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
March 4	Annual Dinner	6:00 p.m.
March 18	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
April 1	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
April 15	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
April 18	Road Clean Up	9:00 a.m.
May 3	Log House Open House	1:00 p.m.
May 6	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 9	ATHS PLANT SALE	9:00 a.m.
May 17	Log House Open House	1:00 p.m.
May 20	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
June 3	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 7	Log House Open House	1:00 p.m.
June 17	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Remember members are invited to attend Board Meetings if they wish. Board Meetings are held at the AHS Brick House, 6550 Clough Pike.

Thanks for Your Service

Kenny Burck, Bill Dreyer, Ann King, Bob King, Nancy Krueger, Lucy Moore, Sharon Perry, Diane Schneider, and Lou Trent for contributing to this issue. And to **Linda and George Scheper** for printing envelopes for the *Surveyor*. Many thanks to those members who served as docents for the History Room in October, November, and December 2019: **Janet Heywood, Lucy Moore, Sharon and Don Perry.**

WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?

In the days of old when knights were bold and everyone rode on horses, Europeans needed a way to restrain their steeds yet still allow them to graze. A number of contraptions were tried, but none worked better than the trusty rope. Tie the rope to a post and the other end to the horse's bridle, and the horse could graze as far away as the rope would allow. At that point, the horse had reached "the end of the rope."

Everyone knew what it meant for a horse to be at the end of the rope, and the well known phrase began to be applied to people. When a person had exhausted all resources, he or she was said to be at the end of his or her rope. - Lou Trent

Member Meetings Snacks

Meeting snack supporters for the month of November include: **Kenny Burck, Helen Fehn, Nancy Meyer, Nancy Radcliffe, and Jon and Meredith Roos.** Thanks to these individuals for sharing their favorite snack and/or setup and take down of the serving table.

So many shared goodies at the December meeting Christmas cookie exchange! Yes, I admit, I ate my share! Thanks to you all for taking the time at this busy time of year to keep the cookie exchange tradition going. - Sharon Perry

Adopt a Roadway/Road Cleanup 2020

The Historical Society participates the "Adopt a Highway" program in Anderson Township. 2020 will be the ninth year for the Society to support the program. We are responsible for keeping clean both sides of Bartels Road from Newtown Road to Clough Pike and Clough Pike in front of the Log House to Royalgreen. The Township supplies gloves, bags, vests, and pickup tools for our use. The bags of trash are left at the roadside and the Township picks them up. The Township will provide liability release forms for each participant. There is a sign in front of our parking lot which gives us recognition for our work. Our sponsorship is also in the Township publications and on the website.

Please plan to support this worthwhile project for another year. Put on your calendar the upcoming dates in 2020: **Saturday, January 18** and **Saturdays: April 18, July 18 and October 24.** We will be out those days cleaning our adopted roads starting at 9:00 a.m. It doesn't take much more than an hour so you will have plenty of time for other activities the rest of the day. Hope to see a lot of our members out those days for the more we have working the easier it will be for all. For additional information, contact Bill Dreyer 513-474-0568.