



Programs 2019

July

First Aid &
Emergencies

August

Hamilton Co.
Parks/Wetlands
& More

September

Annual Picnic at
Log Cabin

October

Appalachian
Trail Journey

November

Native Ameri-
cans of the
Miami Valley

December

Annual Christ-
mas Party

Crosby Township Historical Society Newsletter

APRIL—JUNE 2019 2018

Show 'n Tell

At our annual March meetings, the Society invites members to bring in and share a personal item of importance from their family. This year we had a wide variety of interesting things presented. Below are just a few of them. If you attended the meeting, can you remember what they were or if you weren't at this meeting, can you guess?



The top item was brought in by Kelly Doty. Host Tony Torres on the left is with Judy Fritsch who is holding her item. The item to the right was brought in by Fritzie Kuhlman. Answers below.

(ukelin, folding clothes hanger, cigarette lighter)

Congratulations on New Baltimore's Bicentennial

Samuel S. Pottenger, a native of Maryland, purchased 602 acres of land in southeastern Crosby Township along the Great Miami River in 1815. He had a portion of it surveyed on February 27, 1819 to establish a town. It was then recorded in the Hamilton County Court House on June 21, 1819. The town was named after the city of Baltimore, Maryland and had 123 lots. Two lots in town were donated to the United Brethren Church. On the bank of the river, a flour and saw mill was built. By 1830 eighty-nine people were living in town. A grocery store, a blacksmith shop, and a manufacturer of wagons found their place in this hamlet. The 1874 post office could not use the name of Baltimore, since that name was already used elsewhere in the state. Thus it was called the Sater Post Office, because the Sater family had purchased some of Pottenger's original land in 1853. As the years passed, other businesses churches, and organizations found their home there. On April 8 the Crosby Township Trustees issued a proclamation to commemorate this milestone. They have also purchased signs that were placed along the roads recognizing the Bicentennial.

Lease Update

At this same township meeting, the lease between the Society and the Township Trustees concerning the Old Town Hall was voted on and signed. A copy of the lease was on view at the regular April meeting of our Society.



Memorial Day Celebration

Crosby Township citizens faithfully gathered on Sunday, May 26 for the 104th Memorial Day Services at the New Haven Cemetery to honor local men and women who fought in various wars to keep our freedom secure. These soldiers, some who are still with us, some who have since passed on, and some who gave the ultimate sacrifice were celebrated with a parade, speeches, and music. Our Society participated in the parade and in the reading of the names of veterans who have passed on. The Old Town Hall was not opened this year due to renovations but a canopy was set up outside the hall where free cookies and drinks were available to those who stopped by.



Crosby Day At Stricker's Grove



Rides, games, food, displays, prizes! Sunday, May 19th Crosby Township Trustees created a fun-filled time for all the citizens in the township during their annual festivities at Stricker's Grove. Our Society set up their booth to disseminate information about our organization to those in attendance. We made available membership pamphlets, history books and gift cards to purchase, and a board showing our work on the Old Town Hall. As a fundraiser, we made a lottery ticket tree. One hundred dollars worth of scratch-off lottery tickets were bought and hung on a tree displayed on our table. Raffle tickets were sold to win the whole tree. The fundraiser brought into our treasury \$419 profit plus \$15 for a Bicentennial book. The winning ticket drawn at 5:30 was held by Stephanie Frankenstein. Congratulations to her!



New Trustees for 2019-20

Duane Singleton, Mike Minges, and David Roessler were once again voted in as our three trustees for the next two years. We thank them for their past service and look forward to their future dedication in overseeing our responsibilities as an organization.

Crosby Township History Book Reprint

Issues of the Memorial Edition of Stanley McClure's *History of Crosby Township* are no longer available. The Board has decided to cleanup the master copy, including photos, before reprinting more to sell. If you have any copies of the photos in the book that can be scanned and returned or know of anyone else who has some, please contact Melba Guard, 367-2186.

~ Sales Corner ~

Crosby Township Bicentennial History
\$15 plus shipping

Stanley McClure's Crosby Township Cemetery Transcriptions Collection

\$5 plus shipping

Back Issues of the Newsletter 50 cents

Passmore Log Cabin Reconstruction CD
\$5 plus shipping

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CTHS Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday at **7:00** p.m., March through December in the Crosby Township Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road. Meetings are open to the public.

Our Purpose...to encourage the preservation of historic structures and sites; identify, collect, and preserve literary, graphic and artefactual materials significant to prehistoric and historic cultures, schools, churches, businesses, and families of Crosby Township; to increase community awareness and appreciation of this heritage through documentation, educational programs and other public events; and to assist persons interested in this history by making our collected cultural resources available for study.

2019 Membership Dues

Single \$10.00

Family (3 or more in same house) \$15.00

Life Member \$100.00

Please mail dues to: Chuck Heis, Crosby Township Historical Society, Inc., 8910 Willey Road, Harrison, Ohio 45030

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