

# SURVEYOR

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August, September and October 2013

## Upcoming Programs

### Wednesday, August 7, 2013 Annual Picnic

The ATHS tradition of the summer picnic continues. We'll enjoy the comforts and air-conditioning of Anderson Center for the event. Tables and chairs will be set up in the Lower Atrium. If you want, you can walk around the ponds outside before dinner. There's an interpretive trail with sound effects.

The Society will provide the meat, drinks, plastic utensils and paper products. The rest of the feast is provided by the members; please bring a dish to serve at least eight people. We are asking ATHS members whose last names start with **A – D** to bring **vegetables**; **E – L** to bring **starches**; **M – R** to bring **desserts**; **S – Z** to bring **salads**. The doors open at 6:00 p.m.; dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 4, 2013

**Mr. Michael Veach** returns! Tonight he will speak to us on the subject of "**Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey: An American Heritage**." Lest all you "teetotalers" think "tsk! tsk!", we know that at the end of Mr. Veach's talk, your heads will be full of good information on many new fronts, especially in the interesting process of distillation. Associate Curator of Special Collections at The Filson Historical Society, located in Louisville Kentucky, Mike recently published a book entitled - you guessed it - *Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey: An American Heritage*. The Filson Historical Society boasts of preserving the first American West collection, which includes many important letters of William Clark (of Lewis & Clark fame). We're looking forward to seeing YOU at this interesting program, which will open new vistas for all of us!

### Miller-Leuser Log House Open Houses 2013

1:00 – 4:00 pm on the first and third Sundays, June through October. Mark these upcoming dates: August 4 and 18; September 1 and 15; and October 6 and 20.

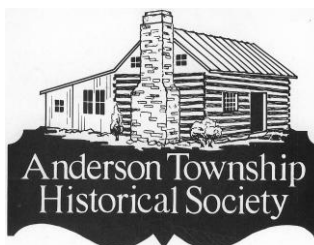
### Wednesday, October 2, 2013

Tonight's ATHS guest is none other than **Mr. Charlie Wallace**, a friend and fellow member of our Society. This evening's presentation promises to be an accurate and informative accounting of our own **Anderson Township history, then and now**.



In spite of his denial that speaking is not his "forte," (baloney!) we know that Charlie will engage and hold our attention, as he opens many doors to the history that is under our feet and everywhere we look - each and every day! Come and be with us for this informative evening which promises to answer all (or most) of your questions about our Township!

*Charles Wallace with school group at the Log House, May 2011*



*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.*

*See ATHS on the web:*

***[www.andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org](http://www.andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org)***

### Membership Dues

ATHS annual dues for the year May 2013 through April 2014 were due on May 1, 2013. Please send in your dues payment promptly.

Please send your check to ATHS, c/o Linda Scheper, 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
Lifetime – Single	\$ 150.00
Lifetime – Couple	\$ 200.00

*Thank you!*

### PLAN AHEAD -- INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

**Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 7:30 P.M.**

We welcome two re-enactors, **Jennifer Moraan** and **Mike Miller**, who portray none other than **General Ulysses S. Grant** and **Mrs. Julia Dent Grant**. The title of our program is "**An Evening at Home With the Grants.**" It has been said that General Grant was a man of few words - except in battle, when he gave orders to his troops containing words that would make even a sailor blush. In private conversation, however, with Mrs. Grant and others, he was polite and soft spoken. Legend has it that the reason Grant spoke few words at home was that he was usually unable to get a word in "edgewise!" Do come to this one and meet this remarkable couple of re-enactors who are known far and wide. I met them both at the dedication of Grant's restored home in Georgetown. Tom and I actually did "double-takes" when first meeting General Grant! Please do NOT miss this one!

*- Connie Whitaker, Programs Chair*

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

### President's Message - Plant Sale, Country Store, Sidewalks & Sympathy: Oh My!

**Plant Sale:** Thanks to **Jan Hawkins** and her stalwart crew of helpers, the May Plant Sale again topped the three thousand mark with sales of \$3,254 at last count. People really are in the market for "home dug" perennials, trees, etc. Unfortunately, **Jan** has announced that she will help but no longer chair this successful spring event. Please step forward if you are willing to take over this very important and successful fund raiser in 2014. There will be plenty of experienced help.

**Country Store:** I am delighted that **Don Perry, VP**, has accepted the Country Store Chair and plans are moving right along with most of our standard departments and chairs. The musical groups have been booked, and we will have two major raffle prizes this year with the choice of: Dinner for Eight at the Log House or a Township Quilt (created by **Sharon Perry**). Both items have strong appeal, with the Basket of Goodies rounding out the additional raffle prize.

**Anderson Trails:** The next two years will be one of many changes to our property, primarily the addition of a **sidewalk** on both Clough Pike and Bartels Road. All of the area stakeholders have signed easement agreements with the Township. Preliminary bids and work moving poles, etc. will begin this year; sidewalks will go in next year. Obviously, the Clough portion will have the biggest impact on the Log House and Brick House properties. At times, it may be a challenge to negotiate one-lane traffic and construction equipment, but neither the Country Store nor the Plant Sale will be impeded. You may have noticed that many plants along the front fence have been removed. A few were sold at the plant sale, and others have been "heeled in" to save for replanting at the Log House. The project is complete. Thanks to the many gardeners who worked especially hard this year to save as many old fashioned plants as possible. Unfortunately, our main sign will be down throughout the construction and we will lose our trees shading the parking lot. The Board is thinking about new options to replace the old hedge, which required trimming several times a year. We have offers of reclaimed split-rail fencing and assistance with replanting/landscaping from local businesses.

**Sympathy:** Several long-time and dedicated members have recently passed away: **Edmund Motz, Ron Makin, Martie Christman** and **Inez Check**. They will be missed by all.

*- Linda (Lyn) Scheper, President*

## Mercer Students Tour Log House in May

It has become an annual event. Each May third-grade students from Mercer Elementary tour the Log House. Along with their teachers and some parent chaperones they walk down Bartels Road eager to extend their study of Cincinnati history.

This year 125 students, five teachers and fifteen parents enjoyed the visit on May 28 which was a beautiful day. Thanks to these ATHS volunteers who made the day a success.

Linda Magee

Don Perry

Mary Lou Van Eman

Diane Schneider

Sue Wettstein

Linda Jacobs

Sherri Margraf

Caroline Margraf

Nancy Meyer

Kathy Hoelscher

- Diane Schneider, Projects Chair

## Mercer Third Graders Donate \$100 to ATHS

### Letter from Their Teachers at Mercer

*Dear Anderson Township  
Historical Society,*

*Two of our third grade classes at Mercer Elementary ran a business selling pet rocks called "Pebble Peeps." We did this to use the concepts learned in our economics unit. Both classes voted on where to donate the profit and it was decided that the money would be donated to the Log House.*

*They are very excited about giving this money in order to help with maintenance on the Log House. We really appreciate all of the work that is done to keep this house open to the public.*

*It is a great experience for our third graders to be able to walk down the hill and learn about the local history. Thanks for all you do for us.*

*Thanks,*

*Brandi Benedetto and*

*Shelly Honerlaw*

*Third Grade Teachers*

*Mercer Elementary School*

*2600 Bartels Road*

## Earn Money for ATHS Every Time You Shop at Kroger!

Designate your Kroger Plus Card to benefit the Anderson Township Historical Society then every time you shop at Kroger you will be earning money for ATHS -- at **NO** additional cost to you. **But you must sign up!**

**Sign-up now.** It's easy. *Here's* what you do:

1. If you do not have a Kroger Plus Card, stop at the customer service desk at any Kroger store and sign up for one.

2. Register online at

**[www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)**

and have your Kroger Plus Card handy

a. *Click* Cincinnati Ohio

b. *Click* on enroll

c. Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by filling in the online form.

d. You will get a message telling you to check your e-mail inbox for a message.

e. *Click* on the link within the body of the e-mail to confirm your e-mail address. This activates your account.

3. Sign in using your e-mail address and password to proceed to the next step.

4. **Click on Community Rewards**, then *click* on Edit Community Rewards Program Information.

5. **Select** Anderson Township Historical Society (#80156) for your **Organization** and save changes.

6. You will need to renew your designation of Anderson Township Historical Society as your Community Rewards Program each year in April.

**Thank you for supporting ATHS and spread the word!**

If you have any questions please contact Bill Dreyer at 513-474-0568 or leave a message at 513-231-2114.

## "Dine-out Fund Raiser" Results, May 21

ATHS had a fundraiser at T.G.I. Friday's at the Anderson Towne Center on Tuesday, May 21, and earned \$227.61 for ATHS. This figure represented 20% of the amount spent with ATHS-supporter vouchers on that day. Thank you to **Ann King**, who organized the fund raiser, and to all who participated. ATHS thanks T.G.I. Friday's and its staff for their support.

**2013 ATHS COUNTRY STORE: Saturday, September 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday, September 29 from noon to 5 p.m.**

The 2013 ATHS Country Store will be held on September 28 and 29 at the Miller-Leuser Log House. Essentially all of the traditional activities will be returning except for the walnut husking demonstration by Edmund Motz. His passing earlier this year will leave a large hole in our celebration.



This year's raffle will feature two first prizes. Purchasers will select from either the traditional Dinner for Eight at the Log House prize or a handcrafted quilt with pictures of 20 historic images from Anderson Township. Second prizes in each of the raffle categories will also be presented.

Membership support is needed for preparation and execution of the event. We will need volunteers to assist in planning, manning activities on both days, and helping with the set-up and teardown of the event. If you can provide help, please contact Don Perry at 231-4304 to express your interest.

Donations of items for the Cobweb Corner are always needed. This large flea market organized and run by Mary Bailey provides a very large percentage of our income from the Country Store. More items are always welcomed. Please call Don Perry at 231-4304 if you have an item (or items) you want to donate. Pick-up can be arranged.

The Bake Sale in the basement of the Brick House provides another major source of income. Lots of fresh home-baked items are needed. Lucy Moore and Marcia Jelus will be happy to accept your donations. Diane Schneider is again chairing the kitchen and will also welcome donations.

**Finally, we can all help assure success by attending Country Store, bringing our friends, relatives and neighbors.** This event is our major funds raiser of the year, providing about half of our yearly operating budget. Success of this event will allow us to continue our mission of maintaining the historic structures under our control and improving the education of the community relating to the rich history of Anderson Township.

*- Don Perry, Country Store Chair 2013  
Phone 231-4304*

**NEEDED FOR COUNTRY STORE 2013**

**Cobweb Corner - Mary Bailey** (386-7820) Donate your gently used household and furniture items.

**Farmers Market - Sonia Shively** (474-1322) Donate plants and produce from your garden.

**Bakery - Lucy Moore** (752-0968) Bake and wrap goodies and drop them off at the Brick House on Friday, September 27.

**Beverages - Need Chair for Beverages.** Donate cans of pop and bottles of water and tea. Drop off at the Brick House or bring to the meetings.

**Kitchen - Diane Schneider** (232-6552) or **Linda Jacobs** (735-0517). Donate potato salad, desserts, soup, etc.

**Dolls & Toys - Sue Wettstein** (474-0855) Donate handmade dolls or other handmade toys.

**Stitchery - Linda Schepher** (232-1559) Need donations of stitchery or handmade items, old linens, fancy embroidery, handkerchiefs, etc.

**Crafts - Bill Dreyer** (474-0568) Donate used stamps.

**Set-Up** – Able bodied volunteers needed to help with set-up on Wednesday, September 25. And **Take-Down** on Sunday – **Call Don Perry** (231-4304).

**Country Store “Bakery” News**

Soon members and friends of ATHS will be receiving a phone call invitation to help our Bakery by preparing and wrapping (in sale-size portions) your specialties. If you are not able to bake anymore, we have learned that bakery/candy items purchased from good stores do sell nicely and help us reach our goal.

Marcia and I will be contacting our Committee of



“Bakery Babes,” old and new, to help us once again. Our loyal group has a fun time together as we prepare, make phone calls, price and sell your “goodies.”

Drop off your items at the Brick House basement on Friday, September 27 from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. or anytime during the sale on Saturday or Sunday. Your donations are **always appreciated** and have helped us surpass our goal each year! Profits go entirely to support our Log House. So, thank you for saying “Yes.”

*-- Lucy Moore & Marcia Jelus,  
Your Bakery Co-chairs*



## WE REMEMBER

### . . . Ed Motz

He was called "Mr. History" by some of us, and for many years, wore the title very well indeed. Born on November 19, 1925, he and Carol were married in 1952 and became the parents of eight children. Just try to IMAGINE the sounds coming from THAT house!



Ever a patriot, when World War II appeared on the horizon, Ed joined the Armed Forces. After Germany's surrender, he was able to flag down the nearest troop ship and sail for home. Carol tells me that he never forgot the tumultuous, emotional parade and reception the men received in New York City. Hurray!

We ATHS folks will not soon forget Ed's wise commentaries on various and sundry topics during our meetings. As an early founder/member of ATHS, no matter the question we asked, "Mr. History" he would not only have the answer, but didn't hesitate to edit our questions! Sometimes he would add "as far as I know" - but rarely!

Never to be forgotten are Ed's appearances at the annual Country Store, cracking those black walnuts. Kids, of all ages, were enchanted! "Mr. M", you are, and will always be, missed by your friends in ATHS. We feel honored to have known you.

- Connie Whitaker



*Ed Motz, with Bill Dreyer, speaking at the June 2011 dedication of the Ohio Historical Marker for the Miller-Leuser Log House.*

*Emma Leuser was Ed's aunt and he told stories of times he spent at the Log House as a boy.*

*Photo above by Lucy Moore and photo left by Charles Wallace.*

## Country Store Kitchen Needs

The popular Kitchen at the Country Store on September 28 and 29 needs donations of deviled eggs, cole slaw and desserts of all kinds -- especially pies and cobblers. Please call **Linda Jacobs** at 735-0517 or **Diane Schneider** at 232-6552 to help.



*Linda Jacobs, at the Kitchen check-out table, September 2011.*

## Country Store Cobweb Corner in the Barn



*Cobweb Corner, September 2012.*

Sales from the Cobweb Corner, managed by Mary Bailey, provide an important part of the revenue we need to maintain the Log House and other historical properties of ATHS. Donations of items, large and small, are always needed. Pick-up can be arranged.



## History to Schools Program

The second graders from all six Forest Hills Elementary Schools spent a day at Anderson Center during the period April 26 through May 6. The students learned about township government and planning from Trustee Peggy Reis and the township staff; safety services from members of the Anderson Fire and Rescue squad and Hamilton County Sheriff's department; the natural history of the nearby ponds from Suzanne Clingman, Greenspace inspector, and local history from ATHS volunteers.

Society volunteers presented "Then and Now in History." Don Perry gave a power point show that told the stories of his ancestors: the James Clark family who traveled to Anderson Township by flatboat in 1797 and the Gottfried Wolfangel family who came from Germany in 1855 and traveled by steamboat up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers.



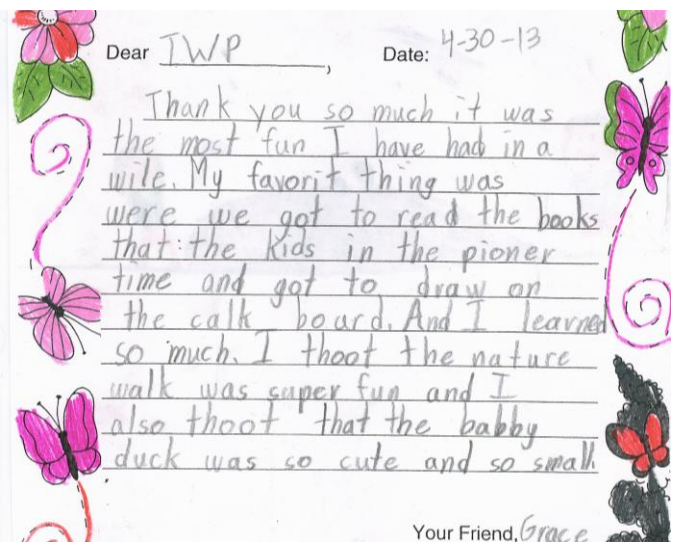
The students also toured the History Room. They were greeted by the "school teachers" who pointed out some highlights of the displays and compared public schools then and now. The kids really enjoyed sitting at the old school desks, writing on chalk boards and reading the replicas of McGuffey Readers.

The students were invited to visit the Log House during the regular Open Houses this summer and each student received a "History Challenge" homework assignment brochure. Pictures of eleven buildings in Anderson Township were shown both as "Then" and "Now." Students and their families could drive by these buildings and compare the pictures of "Then" to "Now." In late May certificates of completion were given to those students who had had the opportunity to complete the challenge.

*Photos of Don Perry, Diane Schneider, Linda Jacobs and some of the second graders at Anderson Center, "History to Schools," May 1, 2013. Photos by Kathy Hoelscher.*



*Linda Jacobs with a few of the second graders at the old-fashioned desks set up in the History Room.*



The many "Thank You" notes ATHS received from the second graders were wonderful and most rewarding. Here are a few comments.

*"Thank you for your time today. I thought that all of the sessions were fun and my favorite session was Mr. Perry talking to us about his great, great, great Grandfather. I hope you guys learned from us and we learned from you." - Jamie*

*"That was the best field trip ever. I loved the nature and history room. . . .The artifacts were cool. That saw was huge. It was AUSOME!" - Mallory*

*"Thank you so much for your presentation. I really liked it. I also liked your American Girl Doll. The old fashioned desks were really nice also." - Isabella*

*"I had so much fun with maps, pioneers, going outside and learning about different trucks and learning how things changed over the years and pretending we were pioneer students. Thank you soooooo much." - Jamison*

## History Room News

A special exhibit of the artwork of Betty Martin is on display at the History Room June through August 2013. Betty Martin was a student at the Cincinnati Art Academy in the 1940s. This exhibit offers a striking view of original illustrations of clothes and household objects of the 1940s and brings back memories of the styles popular then. It



illustrates themes such as dresses, furs, accessories, lingerie, swimsuits, faces and household items and shows how concepts were developed into actual newspaper advertisements.

Betty Steves Martin (1922-2013) graduated from Withrow High School in 1940. In 1944, she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served for two years. After her service in the Marine Corps, she attended the Cincinnati Art Academy. During art school and for a year following graduation, she created commercial illustrations for J. C. Penney and Alms & Doepke that were published in the newspapers. In 1949 Betty married Robert Martin; they were the parents of four children. Betty devoted the rest of her life to her family. They lived on Mt. Carmel Road in Anderson Township. We are very grateful to Betty Martin's family for loaning this exhibit to the History Room.



Come learn more about the fascinating history of Anderson Township through photos, hands-on exhibits and artifacts. ATHS provides the docents for the History Room and we can always use additional docents. If being a docent is of interest to you, please contact Bill Dreyer (474-0568). The History Room is open: Sunday and Wednesday afternoons, 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesday evenings, 6 to 8:45 p.m. at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Level.

## Welcome New Member

Please welcome our new member who joined recently:

**India Wolf**

## Sunday Open Houses at the Log House

Volunteers are needed for these Sunday Open Houses: August 18, September 1 and 15 and October 6 and 20. Please consider sharing your love of the history with our guests. Please call Diane Schneider at 232-6552 to sign up. A very interesting and informative tour guide notebook is available.

*- Diane Schneider, Projects Chair*

## Marjorie Frame Historian Awards

The ATHS again this spring gave **Marjorie Frame Historian Awards** of \$150 each to Turpin, Anderson and McNicholas high schools to be given to outstanding history students. The Anderson High School recipient Joseph Cossins reports that he plans on attending Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh this fall and will use the money to help purchase books for his classes. He was a member of the Cum Laude Society, the National Honor Society and four-year varsity letter winner at Anderson. Congratulations to each of the worthy recipients selected by their schools.



## Team ATHS at April Adopt-a-Road Clean-up

*Linda Magee, Sue Wettstein, Bill Dreyer, Lou Trent, Diane Schneider, April 20, 2013. Not seen in photo: John Roos, Lyn Scheper, Don & Sharon Perry. Photo by Kathy Hoelscher.*

Remember ATHS is responsible for keeping clean both sides of Bartels Road from Newtown Road to Clough Pike and Clough in front of the Log House to Royalgreen at the upcoming **Clean-up Days on Saturday July 20, October 19 and December 14, 2013. Come & join in.**

*- William Dreyer*



## With Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to **John Roos** and his family on the loss of his son **John E. Roos**, age 52, who passed away on April 21, 2013.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of long-time ATHS member **Inez E. Check**, who passed away at age 98 on June 5, 2013. She served as ATHS Trustee in 1998-2001.



We also extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of ATHS member **Ronald W. Makin**, who passed away on May 27, 2013 at age 78. Ron was a long-time ATHS supporter; he served as Vice President in 1996-97, President in 1998-99, and Country Store Chair.

*Ron Makin, Country Store 2008  
Photo by Charles Wallace*

We were saddened by the death of ATHS member **Martha Christman**, age 46, on June 1, 2013. Our deepest sympathy goes to her mother Barbara Christman and her family. **Martie** and her smiles always brightened the beverage table at Country Stores whether it was the first hours of the event or final clean-up on Sunday. Martie served as ATHS Trustee in 2010-2013.



*Martie Christman, Country Store 2007. Photo by Charles Wallace.*

## Member Meetings Snacks

Thanks to the following for providing after meeting treats: **Ann and Bob King, Diane Schneider, Charlie Wallace, Kathy Hoelscher, and Bev Robinson**. If you are interested in “treating” us at an upcoming meeting, please contact Sharon Perry at 231-4304. - *Sharon Perry, Refreshments Chair*

## Thanks for Your Service

**Bill Dreyer, Kathy Hoelscher, Lucy Moore, Don Perry, Diane Schneider, Charles Wallace, Sue Wettstein** and **Connie Whitaker** for contributing to this issue.

**Linda and George Scheper** for printing envelopes for the *Surveyor*.

Those volunteers who were involved in the “History to Schools” programs for Forest Hills second graders at Anderson Center: **Don Perry, Diane Schneider, Linda Jacobs, Marianne Davis, Bill Dreyer, Brenda Greer, Janet Heywood, Kathy Hoelscher, Ann King, Linda Magee, Nancy Meyer, Lucy Moore, Bev Robinson, Linda Scheper, Connie Whitaker, Charlie Wallace, and Sue Wettstein**.

Those members who served as docents for the History Room during May, June and July: **Patti Bukosky, William Dreyer, Janet Heywood, Tom Lovejoy, Lucy Moore, Don and Sharon Perry, Bev and Al Robinson, and Connie Whitaker**.

## Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event	Start Time
August 7	<b>Annual Picnic</b>	6:00 p.m.
August 21	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
<b>Sept. 28</b>	<b>Country Store</b>	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
<b>Sept. 29</b>	<b>Country Store</b>	Noon to 5 p.m.
October 2	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
October 16	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 20	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 4	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.

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