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**2020 - 21 Membership Dues Due NOW**

**ATHS annual dues for this 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 or pay at the next meeting.

**ATHS, c/o Linda Scheper, P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH, 45230**  
 The rates are:

Single: \$10.00	Lifetime Single: \$150.00
Couple: \$20.00	Lifetime Couple: \$200.00
Family: \$25.00	Patron/Corporate: \$300.00

**52nd Annual Dinner and Election**

Officers and Trustees were elected at the March 4, 2020 Annual Dinner Meeting.

**The newly-elected Officers and Trustees are:**

<b>President</b>	Don Perry
<b>Vice President</b>	Nancy Krueger
<b>Treasurer</b>	Robert King
<b>Secretary</b>	Lyn Scheper
<b>Trustee (3 year term)</b>	Nick Gressle
<b>Trustee (3 year term)</b>	Lexie Stevenson

**Trustees who continue to complete their terms** are Charlie Weyerle (elected to 3 yr term in 2018); and Daryl Meyerrenke and Bob Malinzak (both elected to 3 yr terms in 2019).

April 1, 2020

## President's Message

**ATHS Members and Friends:**  
 This message is dated April 1<sup>st</sup> but I can assure you that it is not an April's Fool's joke. I am sure you all are concerned about the current health crisis worldwide. I can assure you that the Anderson Township Historical Society shares your concerns and is trying to conform to the government guidelines currently in effect. We are, of course, mindful that many of our members and friends are in the most vulnerable class of individuals. For this reason, we will probably be considered extra conservative. With all of this in mind, the ATHS Board has taken the following steps with respect to the activities of the Anderson Township Historical Society.

**Surveyor Publication** by mail will be suspended until after lifting of the current restrictions. With essentially all activities cancelled, we will have essentially nothing to report. The preparation of the Surveyor and its publication exposes our volunteers to additional risk. The majority of our members have access to email and we will try to communicate with you using electronic mail. If you know of a member who doesn't have email, please let us know and we will try to keep them up to date using "snail mail". Likewise, please spread the word that if they didn't get a copy of this letter, it is because we don't have their email address. We will be pleased to add their address to our list so that they can receive messages in the future.

**Monthly Member Meetings** are cancelled for both April and May. At the current rate of infection, we seriously doubt that we will be meeting in June.

**Monthly Board Meetings** are also cancelled until at least June unless allowed by the lifting of current restrictions. Board members will be "meeting" via group emails to assure that necessary actions are taken to continue the health of the organization. We are asking that Board decisions requiring majority approval be conducted via the method of "reply all" of communication. This will allow all members of the Board to see the opinions of all the responding Board Members.

**ATHS Plant Sale** scheduled for May 9 is cancelled. The leaders of this event felt that the danger to the various sale volunteers and the enhanced risk of infection during a public sale far outweigh the benefits to the community and the Society. You are probably aware that the plant sale is a significant contributor to our yearly income. We welcome any suggestions of ways to replace this lost revenue and/or contributions to ATHS.

**The Anderson Township Garden and History Tour** will not include ATHS. At this point, we feel it is unlikely that the event will be held. However, if held, ATHS will not participate for the reasons outlined in the previous paragraphs.

**History to Schools** has been cancelled by the Township and Forest Hills School District. This series of 7 sessions has provided a significant exposure to the youth of the Township and has, we feel, increased attendance at both the History Room and Log House. The current plan is to re-establish the program in 2021.

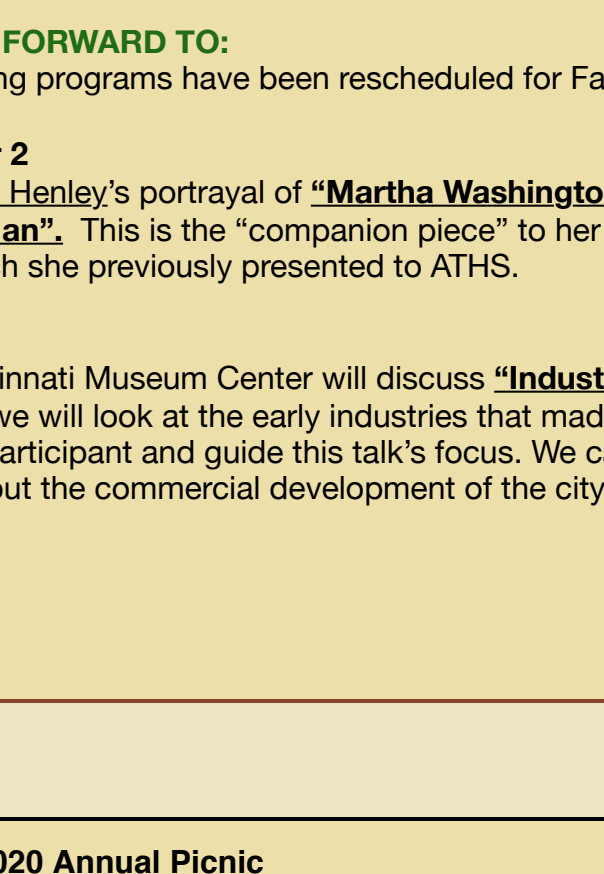
**Log House Open Houses** will not be held until after restrictions are lifted and we have had a couple of weeks to properly "wake up" the buildings and grounds. The current estimate is that the open houses could start in June.

**Urban Farm Group:** Due to the current Stay at Home Order from the Governor we will be suspending all group activities on the Anderson Urban Farm until after the order has been lifted. Currently the order has been set to expire on April 30<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime we will still try and get the plots roped off while respecting the order for social distancing. The actions listed above may or may not be complete. If you have any questions, please contact me [Sperry38@zoomtown.com](mailto:Sperry38@zoomtown.com) or 513-520-5082.

I will be happy to try to answer your question or direct it to the proper Board member. The current environment is new, unstable, and unpredictable. ATHS is a strong organization with growing membership. The offering of ATHS membership to Urban Farm Group participants has added about 40 new members for 2020. We hope we can incorporate these new members into the activities of the historical side of the society. ATHS is also strong financially. We can weather the temporary loss of revenue because of the generosity of past contributors. Please don't lose faith in the organization! We will come back after this lull with stronger programs and displays. Please help us obtain these results.

**Don Perry**  
**President ATHS**

## Wednesday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m. "My Day with Mr. Rogers"



Will be the topic of **John Kiesewetter's** slide show and program on June 3 (fingers crossed) in a favorable state of restrictions.) Kiesewetter, a longtime Cincinnati TV writer, will talk about his "most memorable interview" in 35 years of covering television. In 1997, John spent 1-1/2 days with Fred Rogers in his Pittsburgh TV studio, when he was TV columnist for the Cincinnati Enquirer. The result was an up close and personal article and photo spread covering 2 pages. His PowerPoint presentation will include photos and stories from "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," and some observations about Tom Hanks' portrayal of Fred Rogers in "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood."

John, a 1975 OU grad from Middletown, joined the staff at the Cincinnati Enquirer as a summer intern, which turned into a nearly 40-year career as a reporter. Best known as "TV Kiese", he has covered the comings and goings of local Cincinnati radio and television personalities as well as successful native-sons like **George Clooney** and **Nick Lachey**. Since 2015, John has covered TV/Media for Cincinnati Public Radio's WVXU-FM and [WXU.org](http://WXU.org). "I consider it the best beat in town, even better than covering the Reds," Kiesewetter once wrote on his blog.

**SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO:**  
 Our two cancelled meeting programs have been rescheduled for Fall.

**Wednesday, September 2**  
 Members will enjoy Millie Henley's portrayal of "**Martha Washington, Indispensable Women for the Indispensable Man**". This is the "companion piece" to her wonderful recount of George Washington which she previously presented to ATHS.

**Wednesday, October 7**  
**Dave Traut** from the Cincinnati Museum Center will discuss "**Industries that Built the Queen City**". Starting in 1870, we will look at the early industries that made Cincinnati the Queen City. Become an active participant and guide this talk's focus. We can ensure that you will learn something new about the commercial development of the city we call home.

**Wednesday, August 5, 2020 Annual Picnic (Details available mid-July pending COVID-19 status)**  
 Join us as we continue the long tradition of the summer picnic. We will again enjoy the comforts and air-conditioning of Anderson Center for the event. Tables and chairs will be set up in the Lower Atrium. You can walk outside and enjoy the nature trail around the ponds if you like. 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 **desserts**; **E - L** to bring **vegetables**; **M - R** to bring **starches**; **S - Z** to bring **salads**. The doors open at 6:00 p.m.; dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

- Lyn Scheper & Lucy Moore, Program Co-chairs

**ATHS E-mail Notices**  
 If you would like to receive e-mail reminders for all the monthly meetings, send an e-mail to [President@Andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org](mailto:President@Andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org) and we will add your e-mail address to the ATHS e-mail list.

## WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?

With the beginning of professional baseball right around the corner, it is only appropriate to consider one of the profession's terms -- "bulpen" -- the place where relief pitchers are confined to wait/warm-up prior to entering the game. The origin of this term is debated, and there is no agreement on it, but there are two good options that come to mind.

During the Civil War, the prisoner of war facility at Andersonville became so extremely overcrowded that the prisoners began referring to it as the "bulpen." (This was a reference to a pan that bulls were crowded into prior to being sent to slaughter.) Some believe this wartime place of detention produced the name of the confining area for pitchers.

Another option is that the term got its name from Bull Durham tobacco. Years ago there were ads on the outfield fences. A Bull Durham sign was typically near the place where pitchers warmed-up, and so it all of this called the "bulpen."

There is one fact in and of this that is not disputed. The first recorded use of "bulpen" in baseball was in a *Cincinnati Enquirer* article by O. P. Caylor dated May 7, 1877.

- Lou Trent

## New Cabin and Barn Building Displays

**PUBLISHED IN 2019**  
 Last year we moved the farm display items from the Annex to the lower barn next to the Log House and purchased some of the tools required for building log cabins and timber framed barns. We felt this would be an excellent educational addition to our existing offerings.

Cabin building would relate to the Miller-Leuser Log House and the timber framing information would support our two historical barns and give more insight to farming traditions in Anderson Township.

One of the goals is to not only provide information but also try to include more hands-on experiences. This goal presents a delicate challenge because we are talking about the use of sharp tools!

Woodworking tools have been gathered from various storage locations throughout the properties. An inventory of the tools available reveals that we have the necessary tools for log cabin building but are coming up short on timber framing tools, specifically timber framing chisels.

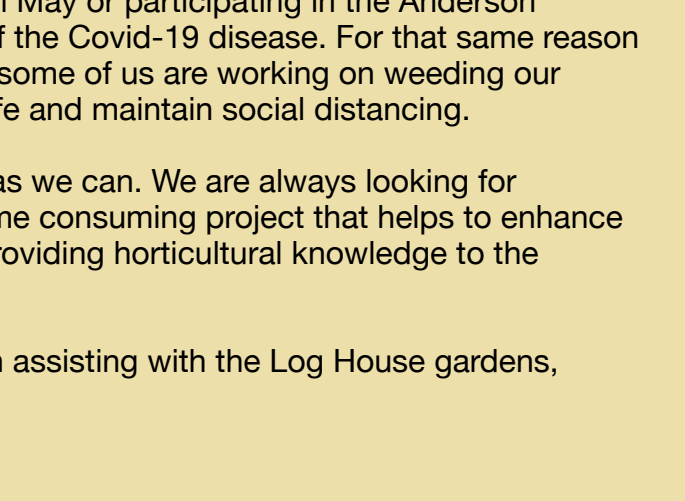
We will also need to fabricate a shaving horse and obtain logs and beams to support three hands-on demonstrations.

**If anyone has antique timber framing chisels they would be willing to loan or donate to ATHS, we will be excited to get them.**

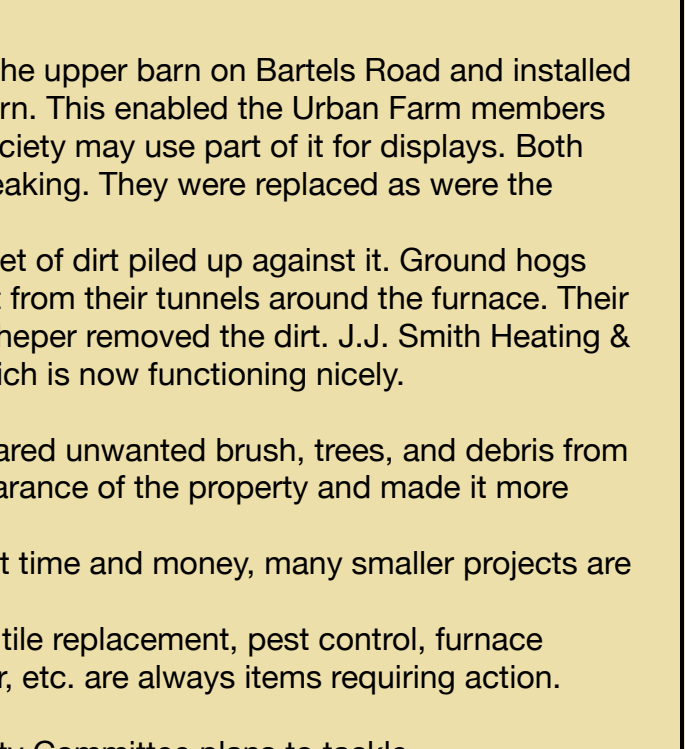
Please don't start on opening the exhibits at the very start of the open house season. The efforts related to the normal preparation and cleaning for the May Log House operation take a front seat to the new exhibits.

About twenty education wall charts have been prepared for the display area. In addition to the normal spring activities, we are putting a lot of effort into support of the Urban Farm group activities and to making the upper barn on Bartels Road part of the initiative. I hope you all will take the opportunity this summer to visit all the new offerings developed or improved over the last couple of years. Please don't forget to take a couple of extra minutes to view the blossoming Urban Farm developments at the upper ATHS property on Bartels Road.

- Don Perry, ATHS Vice President



Barn Building Then



Barn Building Now

## LOG HEWING

Hewing is the process of converting a **log** from its rounded natural form into **lumber** (timber) with more or less flat surfaces using primarily an axe. It was a standard way of squaring up wooden **beams** for **timber framing**.

Prepare the log - After a tree is selected and **felled**, hewing can take place where the log landed or skidded with a horse or oxen out of the woods to a work site. The log is placed across two other smaller logs near the ground or up on trestles about waist height and stabilized either by notching the support logs, or using a "**limber dog**". The hewer measures and locates the timber within the log on both **ends** and marks lines along the length of a log, usually with a **chalk line**.

Scoring - The next step is to **chop** notches every foot or two, almost as deep as the marked line using a chopping or scoring axe, called **scoring**.

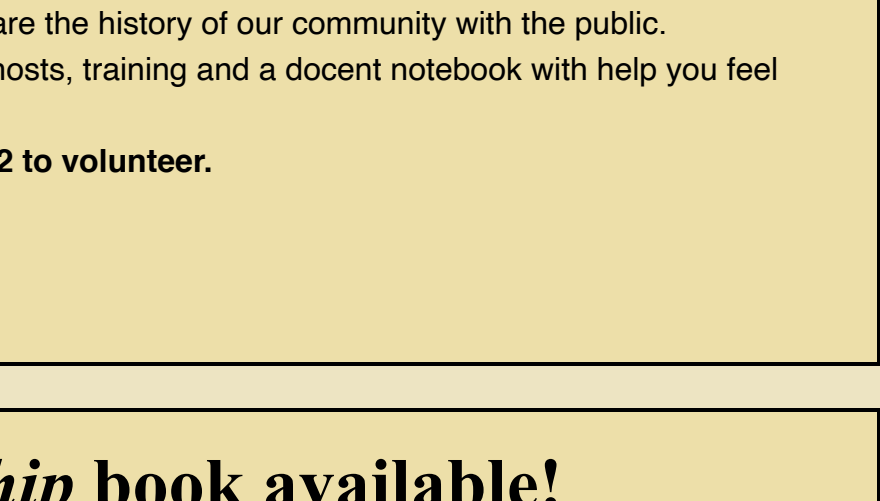
Joggling or juggling - The pieces of wood between the notches are knocked off with an axe. This process is called **joggling** or **juggling**. This results in a rough surface pared down just shy of the marked line. Scoring and joggling remove a fair amount of wood, make hewing easier and prevent long shreds of wood being torn off.

Hewing - Hewing is the last step in this whole process. Hewing is done on the log's sides with a **badze**. Hewing occurs from the bottom of the stem upwards towards what was the top of the standing tree.

An **adze** can also be used to hew the surfaces of a log flat in the same manner as an axe is used. The choice of tool used being made by the position of the surface being hewn. Further smoothing can then be done using a **hand plane**, **drawknife**, or other method.



BROAD AXE HEWING



ADZE AXE HEWING

## Log House Garden Committee

The Miller Leuser Log House grounds have become a showplace for horticulture as well as a place of beauty. The plants in the gardens around the Log House area are perennials comprised of native, pollinator and medicinal plants to keep with the character of the log house.

The garden area next to the Log House is what we call the Memory Garden because it is a place to remember the pioneers and the people who lived in the Log House, as well as the many volunteers who have worked on making the Anderson Township Historical Society what it is today.

There are plant labels for most plants, identifying them by their common and botanical names. In the brick house office we have some notebooks of information on the plants in the gardens as well as other gardening books and information.

The ATHS will not be having the ATHS Plant Sale in May or participating in the Anderson Township Garden History Tour this year because of the Covid-19 disease. For that same reason we canceled the Spring Yard Clean-Up. Currently, some of us are working on weeding our gardens while keeping in mind the need to stay safe and maintain social distancing.

We do plan to have the area looking nice as soon as we can. We are always looking for gardeners or garden helpers to help us in this time consuming project that helps to enhance the Log House, maintain the gardens, as well as providing horticultural knowledge to the Anderson Township community.

If you have any questions or if you are interested in assisting with the Log House gardens, contact:  
 Ann King [akc7526@gmail.com](mailto:akc7526@gmail.com)  
 Nancy Krueger [nrunner@fuse.net](mailto:nrunner@fuse.net)

## Annual Property Committee report

Last year the Property Committee was involved in a number of interesting projects.  
 - Glass block windows were installed in the Brick House basement to increase security and prevent water from leaking in around the windows.

- The SECO Electric Company ran electric lines to the upper barn on Bartels Road and installed new electric wiring, lights, and outlets inside the barn. This enabled the Urban Farm members to use the barn for events, and in the future, the Society may use part of it for displays. Both cupolas on the upper barn were deteriorated and leaking. They were replaced as were the lightning rods that had vanished from their tops.

- In the Browne farmhouse the furnace had three feet of dirt piled up against it. Ground hogs had tunneled into the basement and placed the dirt from their tunnels around the furnace. Their entrances were blocked, and Linda and George Scherper removed the dirt. J.J. Smith Heating & Cooling completed major repairs to the furnace which is now functioning nicely.

- Finally, the David Vogel Landscape Company cleaned up unwanted brush, trees, and debris from the Bartels Road property. This improved the appearance of the property and made it more useable for a variety of different purposes. Although larger projects seem to consume the most time and money, many smaller projects are constantly being addressed.

Fire inspection, screen repair, light bulb and ceiling tile replacement, pest control, furnace maintenance, fire extinguisher inspection and repair, etc. are always items requiring action.

This year there are a number of projects the Property Committee plans to tackle. They are theingles on the Hongsmeier house on the Bartels Road property need to be replaced as they are very old (in single years), and some blew off in the recent winds. In the upper barn, windows need to be repaired and to be replaced. And additional lighting and receptacles would be beneficial.

The large screens in the Annex building near the Log House have numerous holes in them and need replaced. Further security is required for our properties.

Plans will be developed and actions taken to address this need. The list goes on and on. The Property Committee is responsible for the care and maintenance of all properties owned by the Society including plans for repair, restoration and expansion, as well as for acquisition of additional real properties.

If you would be interested in joining the Committee, please contact

Lou Trent at 513-231-3015.

## ATHS Urban Farm News and Updates



The Community Garden is off to a great start in its second year. We expanded the number of plots from 36 to 70 as a result of increased interest in home-grown produce. All plots have been assigned; however, if you'd like to be placed on the waiting list, please email: [andersonfarmmail@gmail.com](mailto:andersonfarmmail@gmail.com)

Photo: Janet Quilligan



## Open Houses at the Log House 2020

We are planning for another summer season of visitors to the Log House.  
**The Open House season begins this year on Sunday June 7 CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING.**

Open House dates are scheduled for the **first and third Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. in June through October: June 7 and 21, July 5 and 19, August 2 and 16, September 6 and 20 and October 4 and 18.**

We will need many volunteers to share the history of our community with the public. If you would like to join our team of hosts, training and a docent notebook with help you feel confident.

Call Diane Schneider 513-232-6552 to volunteer.

- Diane Schneider, Projects Chair

## Anderson Township book available!



Since its founding, the Society has been collecting images that illustrate the history of the Anderson area and the lives of those who have lived here. We worked with Arcadia Publishing to produce the book *Anderson Township* as one of Arcadia's "Images of America" series. This 128-page book contains more than 200 vintage photos with captions and introductory text. The retail price is \$21.99. ATHS has copies for sale for a special price of \$20 at ATHS events and meetings and at the History Room. Copies are also for sale at book stores and websites such as the Anderson website: [www.arcadiapublishing.com/Products](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com/Products).

- Janet Heywood, Research Chair

## Join the Kroger Community Rewards Program to 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. The Anderson Township Historical Society has the account number: **C1262** (that is *two letters C1 and three numbers 262*). Current members of the program do not have to register again. We encourage all members to link their Kroger Plus Cards with the Community Rewards Program. There is no impact on your reward points and it helps ATHS earn money at no cost to you. **To register**, visit [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://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!**

## Member Meetings Snacks

Thank you to the snack donors and servers for the month of February: Marty Burnes, Helen Fehn, Bob King, Nancy Meyer, Lucy Moore, and Sonia Shively. Their added touch gave our meeting warmth and friendship.

This year our annual March banquet meeting was locally oriented on the Clough Historic strip, specifically American Legion Post 318. Through the helpful planning of the ATHS board spearheaded by Bob King and Don Perry, our local neighborhood catering services Tammy McCauley, At Your Service NOW, was employed. The centerpieces were recognizable as some of our very own accessions, transported and displayed through the help of Linda Magee, Lyn Scheper, and Charlie Wallace. Added features to the evening included "split the pot" by Marty Burnes and Bob King with 1<sup>st</sup> place winner being Josh Gerth (donating his winnings back to ATHS) and second place box of chocolates to new members, Nancy House. Janet Heywood also made the *Anderson Township* book available to our general membership at our annual meeting.

Special thanks goes out to the George and Lyn Scheper "Clan" for the delicious variety of cupcakes as our banquet dessert.

- Sharon Perry

## PLEASE SUPPORT THESE COMPANIES WHO HAVE DONATED THEIR SERVICES TO MAINTAIN ATHS PROPERTY

(2000 - PRESENT)

**Brandsetter's KangaRoof** (513-713-0418)

**Roof Installation, Repair & Replacement**

**Hessel Stone Fabricating** (513-248-0191)

**Limestone Steps for Log House**

**Months Dandberg Inc.** (513-561-3997)

**Grass Cutting Log House Area**

**ScherZinger Termites and Pest Control**

(513-831-8081) **Chemical/Trap Treatment for Termites**

**SECO Electric Co., Inc.** (859-491-2984)

**Electrical Work in Log House**

**The David Vogel Landscape Company**

(513-753-1007) **Tree Care/Walkways**

**Retaining Wall/ Building Structure Support**

**Invasive tree removal; driveway/parking lot installation**

**David Motz/Motz Turf Farm**

513-231-4844

**Grass seeding; tilling community garden**

**Wessling Tree Service**

513-474-6067 **Tree Care/Walkways**

**Invasive Tree Removal**

**Adopt a Roadway/Road Cleanup 2020**

The Historical Society has joined forces with Anderson Township and is participating in the "Adopt a Highway" program. We are 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. The Township supplies gloves, bags, vests and T-shirts, 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.

**The next clean-up day is Saturday, July 18.** Please put on your calendar the future clean-up date: **Saturday, October 24, 2020.** We will be out then cleaning our adopted roads starting at 9:00 a.m.

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 474-0568.

**Thanks for Your Service**

**Bob King, Don Perry, Sharon Perry, Linda Scheper, Diane Schneider, and Lou Trent** for contributing to this issue.

**Many thanks to those members who served as docents for the History Room in February and March 2020:**

**Janet Heywood, Lucy Moore, Sharon and Don Perry.**

## Mark Your Calendars (Tentative pending elimination of COVID-19 social distancing rules) - - Sept 2020

**Date**    **Event**    **Start Time**

June 3    **Member Meeting**    7:30 p.m. (Tentative based on COVID-19 Status)

June 7    Log House Open House    1 - 4 p.m.

June 17    Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

June 21    Log House Open House    1 - 4 p.m.

July 5    Log House Open House    1 - 4 p.m.

July 15    Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

July 18    Road Clean Up    9:00 a.m.

July 19    Log House Open House    1 - 4 p.m.

Aug 2    Log House Open House    1 - 4 p.m.

Aug 5    Annual Picnic 6:00 p.m.

Aug 16    Log House Open House    1 - 4 p.m.

Aug 19    Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Sept 2    Member Meeting    7:30 p.m.

Sept 6    Log House Open House    1 - 4 p.m.

Sept 16    Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Sept 20    Log House Open House    1 - 4 p.m.

Sept 26    Country Store    10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sept 27    Country Store    10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*Member members are invited to attend Board Meetings if they wish.*

*Board Meetings are held at the ATHS Brick House, 6550 Clough Pike.*

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Everyone serves a useful purpose.

A miser, for example, makes a wonderful ancestor.

- Lou Trent

The *Surveyor* is the quarterly newsletter of the Anderson Township Historical Society, distributed 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 [President@Andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org](mailto:President@Andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org).

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

