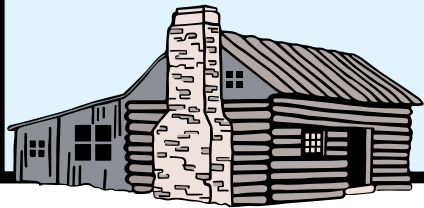


# SURVEYOR

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## Anderson Township Historical Society



*Rooted in History, Growing Community*

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## President's Message - Dani Speigel



Greetings to all!

The ATHS has had a wonderful year so far. The plant sale in May was a huge success, making more money than in past years. Following the plant sale was the Township History and Garden tour; we had many visitors at the Log House and Urban Farm areas. Both events had our gardeners very busy in May. I greatly appreciate all your help and dedication.

Our Research Center (brick house) held its first open house on July 7th. Several volunteers have been working very hard to get the Research Center ready for this grand opening. The current plan is to have the Research Center open once per month at the same time as the Log House. If you have not been to the Research Center recently, please plan to visit. There are many interesting displays to enjoy.

Music on the Farm has begun its second season. The first event in June was attended by many newcomers. When speaking with people, they commented how wonderful this event was and they never knew the Urban Farm existed. I am hoping for successful concerts in August and September – the third Saturday of each month at 6:30 PM. Please invite your family and friends. We plan to continue these concerts during the summer months and are seeking volunteers to help.

We had an ATHS workday on June 1st. The Browne house was cleaned in preparation for the archaeologist's arrival. The equipment building behind the Log House was cleaned also in preparation for its opening during the same time as the Log House. Visitors will have the opportunity to view a short video about the Society and our Chimney Repair Campaign.

The archaeologists and students from Ohio State and University of Louisville had another great dig. Many small artifacts were found and have been sent off for further study at Ohio State. The men stayed in the Browne House while the women stayed at the K of C across the street. Some of the plumbing in the Browne House was repaired prior to the archaeological group staying in the house. A big "thank you" goes to Midwestern Plumbing Service for the corrective repair! We hosted a picnic for the archaeology team on June 19th. Many members attended the picnic, and the group was very appreciative. We look forward to hosting the group next year.

The cupolas on the Urban Farm barn have been repaired by **KangaRoof**. Another big "thank you" to KangaRoof for a quick above and beyond repair! While speaking about the Urban Farm, all their plots are rented this year. Each farmer/gardener is responsible for their own plot. Each plot is maintained very well, and everything looks amazing at the Urban Farm.

The ATHS participated in the Anderson Township 4th of July Parade. We had a great group of people work very hard to get the float and quad runners ready. Marchers distributed popsicles, flags, trinkets and flyers. Emma Greer sang "America the Beautiful" while riding in the big truck. The rain held off until we ended our part of the parade at the Town Center. We found out later that day that the ATHS float had won "The Best Float Award". Congratulations to all who helped with this huge event!

There are many people to thank for making all this information happen. I want you to know it does not go unnoticed. Your help and dedication to ATHS is greatly appreciated. I look forward to working with all our members to make this Society outstanding.

Dani Speigel, President

# WHAT A DAY! Open House at the Log Cabin

by Melanie Woodworth

Sunday, July 7th was an exciting and rewarding day for our Log House and Research Center Open House!



We had a wonderfully enthusiastic crowd of curious and interested historians who wanted to see what AHS is all about. We were ready to provide answers and showcase the Log House, Research Center and Machinery Barn. We estimate that we had around fifty visitors.



The Machinery Barn is a new addition to our Clough Pike Historical Site. Don Perry's concept to have an introduction to our story by creating a seating area with benches and a rolling five minute video of the Log House's early years was well received. The video, created by member Doug Dierking, highlights the early years and first inhabitant and builder of the Log House, Ichabod Miller.

The video also includes a discussion of the current need to repair the 228 year-old chimney. AHS received a \$19,000 matching grant from the Ohio History Connection to assist with the cost of the repair. The video requests donations

to assist with the matching grant and additional costs.

There was also a great turnout at the Research Center debut. Visitors had many inquiries, expressed interest in our activities, the Coney Island display, our 60's kitchen and bath. There was



considerable interest in the contents of our archives especially area homes, families, photos and newspaper articles. Many indicated they look forward to returning to take advantage of these research materials. A young member donated her doll to add to our collection.

Special thanks to Doug Dierking, Don Perry, Janet and Dave Quilligan, George and Lyn Scheper, Patty Wilfert and Doug Woodworth for giving their time and expertise to the more difficult projects! **S**



# Amazing time at the Anderson Township 4th of July Parade

by Jill Greer



**Our Extraordinarily Awesome Float Took 1st Place! Yay!**

A great time was had by all who participated in the July 4th Anderson Township Parade.

It was such a wonderful experience as some of our Historical Society families joined in on the fun, planning and decorating our historical float for the first time, rain and all.

We had a blast in the parade as we were joined by even more members who helped pass out goodies, drove four wheelers pulling Conestoga “treat” wagons, or rode in Dave’s International Patriotic draped truck, pulling our float.

Emma Greer serenaded the parade attendees with patriotic music we all love as Daryl Meyerrenke roused the crowd.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO **DAVE VOGEL/DAVE VOGEL LANDSCAPE CO.** for all your help in supplying the truck and trailer to pull the float. Your continuous dedication in all you do to help ATHS is greatly appreciated.



To Diane Hamm for her design, and everyone who joined in on the fun, thank you so much. We also want to thank all who donated candy, goodies, bracelets, pinwheels, flags,

especially Daryl Meyerrenke, who donated 1,200 frozen freezy pops for the kids. Boy were we popular!

We’re so thrilled our family activities are growing and everyone had such a great time participating or helping with the parade. **S**



# Music On The Farm is underway for Summer 2024!

by Emma Greer

Music On The Farm is underway for summer 2024! We had a romping good time hosting Dusty & Backwoods Drive for Country Night in June and we stomped our feet to the fiddle with Matt Rouch & The Noise Upstairs, with guest Liz Kelly, for Folk Night in July. Check out photos and videos on the Farm's Facebook page.

Don't miss upcoming shows headlined by our "in-house" bands and ATHS/farm members:

## August 17th

Rock Night featuring Blu Million, with Brook Cox and Emma Greer

## September 21st

Bluegrass Night featuring The Clough Valley Boys, with Bart Motz

Guests are welcome to arrive starting at 6 pm; music starts at 6:30 pm. Food trucks will also be in attendance so come hungry!

Also, put **November 2nd** on your calendars for our **6th Annual Harvest Fair and Holiday Market!!!** Local artisans, live music and fall activities for all ages!!! Always a great time! More info coming soon so keep an eye on the Farm's Facebook page and website.


See y'all soon! 



# News Around The Coop!

by Janet Quilligan

The new recruits for the Chicken Program at the farm are trained and on board! We appreciate the willingness of all of the “Chicken Tenders” who care for our small flock of spoiled hens, including past volunteers who have served.

If you are interested, but want to learn more please contact Janet Quilligan or Erinn Cox via email [jquilligan@fuse.net](mailto:jquilligan@fuse.net) or [emcox515@gmail.com](mailto:emcox515@gmail.com). 




## Log House Gardening Group

by Ann King

This small group has been busy preparing for the Spring Plant Sale and then readying the Log House area gardens for the Anderson Township Garden and History Tour. They are taking a well-deserved break!

The plant sale fundraiser was quite a success; we made \$7,500 this year. There were around 90 people who attended the tour. During this extremely hot weather, we have been watering the beech tree and

the apple tree as well as the log house gardens and various planted flower pots. These gardeners do a wonderful volunteer job for ATHS. 


## Property Committee

by Ann King

The ATHS Property Committee has several projects that have and will be happening. A metal hand railing will be installed along the walkway to the screened-in porch of the ATHS Research Center (Red Brick Building) this summer. The kitchen of the Farm House (Browne House) will be painted so it can be


used for various activities. The lightning rods on the cupolas of the Upper Barn need to be repaired. The cupolas have been repaired and painted. Reinforced plastic sheeting was installed to cover the back door of the Lower Barn.

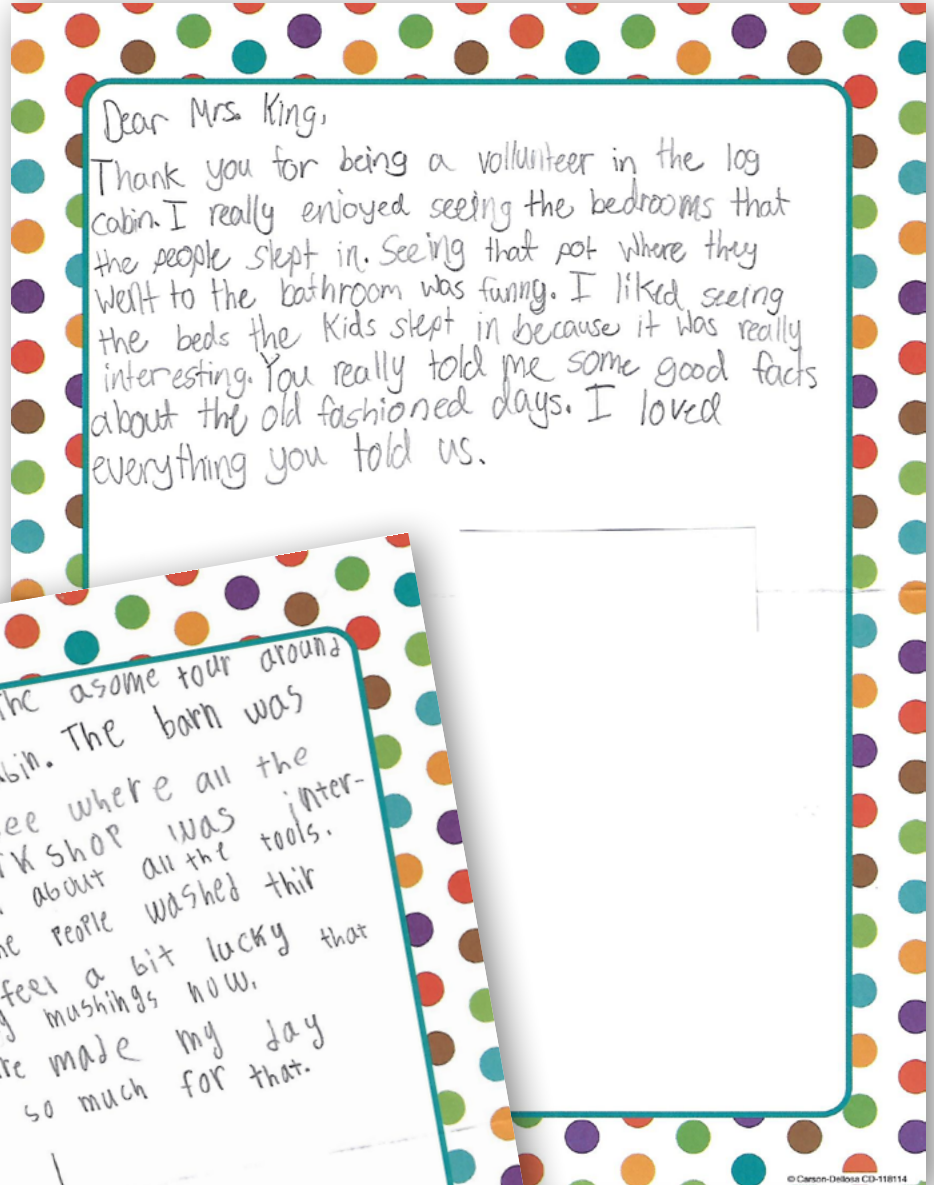
We are still seeking some barn siding to cover the Outhouse. If anyone knows of some that we

can acquire free or reasonably priced, please let me know. If you notice anything on our property that you think we should investigate to repair, let me know. The Property Committee is a caring group that tries to keep our historical property in good repair. 

# Log House Programs

by Diane Schneider

Each spring Mercer Elementary third graders hike to the Log House where society volunteers share the log house charm with the eager youngsters. Over the years certain tour favorites have emerged, and this season's visit was no different. The chamber pot and the washing machine are always high on the list. Please enjoy these thank-you notes sent by a few of the special visitors. 



# What's the Point? Community Archaeology in Action at the Urban Farm

by Dr. Robert Cook (Professor, Ohio State University [OSU]) and Grace Conrad (PhD student, OSU)

A major part of the Miami Valley Recollection and Reconnection (MVRR) project – now in our fourth year – is to involve the Anderson Township community in the archaeology process. This is well illustrated by something that happened during the community-focused event we ran on June 5 at the Anderson Township Center. This event was roughly a three-hour long event that combined anyone interested from throughout Anderson Township, members of the Anderson Township Historical Society (ATHS), and members of our annual field school (this year was a combination of students from OSU and the University of Louisville where our head archaeologist Dr. Aaron Comstock is a professor). The purpose of the event was to share our findings and future directions. We have held similar events in past years and will continue to do so every year.

One of the community attendees brought to the event an artifact

they found while working in their garden plot at the Anderson Township Historical Society's Urban Farm. This artifact turned out to be rather relevant to the main thrust of our archaeology project as it is an arrowhead that spans the transition from Woodland moundbuilders to the beginning of corn farming. The arrowhead is known professionally as a Lowe-style projectile point and dates between about A.D. 200 and A.D. 700. This projectile point is very useful for helping us identify sites that are of a similar age to the main site we are focused on re-excavating (or "recollecting" meaning that we are literally picking up the pieces left behind by Harvard who led excavations at the site in the 1880s). That site is known as the Turpin site which is located on the Wall Greenspace along Route 32.

Now armed with the knowledge from this artifact, we strongly suspect that right in the Urban Farm there is an ancient site that was occupied at the same time as the earliest inhabitants of the Turpin site (i.e., sometime between about A.D. 200 and A.D. 700). Undoubtedly, we will be asking the ATHS sometime soon if we can do some very minor field work at the



Urban Farm to better understand this site, which is probably a small camp or hunting site. But don't worry, Urban Farmers, our work will not in any way limit your current farming activities!

The main point we want to make here is that we desperately need many more people to come forward with similar items so that we can fulfill our mission to learn about the ancient settlements that were occupied during the transition to the first farmers in Anderson Township. For it is only by working together in this way that we can write a more complete history of this incredibly important and dynamic landscape. **S**



# “Leaping” Lizards

How these imports from Europe made Cincinnati Home

**Wednesday, September 4th, 2024, 7:30 p.m.**

At Anderson Center - 7850 Five Mile Road

Native son John Chadwell, a graduate of and later a science teacher at McNicholas HS, is seeking a M.S. in Biology from Western Kentucky. His focus is the lizard species *Podarcis muralis*, the Common/European Wall Lizard, affectionately nicknamed by Cincinnatians the “Lazarus Lizard”.

When John first noticed these curious reptiles as an undergrad at Xavier University, he was struck by how prevalent they were in the Norwood area compared to their complete absence in the east side neighborhoods of his youth, namely Anderson & Union Township.

Considering the species’ relatively recent introduction to Cincinnati around 1950, their successful colonization of neighborhood after neighborhood, and their



compelling adaptation to an environment an ocean away from their home range, these lizards were an easy choice as the subject for John’s graduate research.

Learn about both the past and the future of one of Cincinnati’s & Anderson Townships newest “naturalized” animal species.

**See you at the Anderson Center  
on September 4th!**

Anderson Center on Five Mile Road

The Public is Welcome to Attend



# Marjorie Frame History Award

by Bob King

Each year ATHS is proud to donate to each of the three high schools in Anderson Township the Marjorie Frame History Award (\$300) and the Steven Smalley and Lucy Smalley Moore Scholastic Achievement award (1,000).

We are happy to share that Anderson High School has awarded the Marjorie Frame History Award to Gabriella Rowan Patterson who plans on attending UC this fall. The

Stephen Smalley and Lucy Smalley Moore Scholastic Achievement Award was awarded to Tess Marie Sangermano who plans on attending NKU this fall.

McNicholas High School has awarded the Stephen Smalley and Lucy Smalley Moore Scholastic Achievement Award to Jake Steinhaus who plans to attend Butler University in the fall.

I received another 'Thank You' from Eva Theetge (no indication

from which school) for the Marjorie Frame History Award. Eva plans on attending Wellesley College in the fall.

I am still waiting to hear who received some of the awards. I will try to gather the missing bits of information and report to you in the next newsletter.

Congratulations and best wishes to the scholarship recipients! **S**

## New Pump Installed

A spiffy new hand pump was installed this year with the help of a large team of partners. We owe a big thanks to all who donated materials, time, and talent to complete this project. Check it out

next time you're at the farm!

Thank you!  
Dave Vogel,  
Doug Dierking,  
Dave Quilligan,  
Chris Seeman, and  
Bart Motz.

Bill and Mike Guy,  
**American Metal Supply Company**  
(manufactured and donated the steel plate base). **S**



# Temporary marquee sign installed at the Urban Farm

Through the generous offer of **Anderson Chiropractic** this temporary sign is on loan to ATHS. This motley crew did the work...

Thank you!

*Left to right - Doug Dierking, Allan Greer, Dave Vogel, and Dave Quilligan*



# Yoga on the Farm



On July 13, participants enjoyed a morning yoga session at the farm. Yoga instructor **Amanda Kissel** donated her time for the fundraiser, leading the group through a gentle practice to the sounds of nature, and chickens!

# You Too Can Have Your Own Piece of the Urban Farm



Barb Coe keeps the inside of the Hoe House organized.

Marilyn Klump-Stringfield adopted two areas. She planted the pollinator garden by the Bartels house and the native garden behind the barn and keeps them maintained.

Steven Feller installed and maintains rain barrels at several locations around the Farm. The convenience of nearby water has been appreciated by those who work in the house gardens.

Diana Bisbing recently started to improve the appearance of the area around the Lincoln log fireplace behind the Hornschemeier house. The work has been slow and difficult. Diana has removed rocks and planted perennials. She also donates seed and maintains the birdfeeders hanging from the large pine tree at the farm.

Nancy Hodges has been caring for the herb bed in front of the large garden. All are welcome to use the herbs there.

The Garrison family mulches along the deer fence around the small garden as needed.

Linda Bollman cleared the area under the yews next to the barn and planted Kentucky Colonel Mint.

John McConn rented a raised bed this summer for the first time. He assumed responsibility for trimming around all six raised beds.

Susan Krug, Diane Hamm and Lexie Stevenson keep the buffer

area behind the gardens tidy.

Kathy Bollmer has planted and maintains all the flower beds and window boxes around the Browne farmhouse.

Pam Murphy adopted the beds around the Hornschemeier house. She has even beautified the portolets with flower pots nearby!

Pam and Kathy also maintain the colorful plantings in the wagon by the front of the barn.

Lexie Stevenson recently started work on the overgrown bed located around the telephone pole.

Nancy Krueger filled a bed near the barn with cannas and elephant ears.

Janet Quilligan and Lexie Stevenson planted and maintain the “triangle garden” at the back corner of the large garden area.

Any member of the ATHS can Adopt-a-Spot at the Urban Farm. The possibilities are endless. Janet has a list. Or if you spy an area that interests you, you may claim it and maintain it as your schedule permits. Our hope is that the Urban Farm will continue to grow and flourish with our collective stewardship of this special place. **S**

Since the early days of the Urban Farm, there have been workdays on the first Saturday of every month. Farmers have been asked to donate three hours per month to help around the Community Garden and Farm. Over time, it became evident that these scheduled workdays are not convenient for many of our farmers. As we all know, Saturdays are often filled with other activities. The Urban Farm Committee initiated an idea last summer for a volunteer program called “Adopt-a-Spot”. If farmers cannot volunteer on Saturday workdays, they may choose a spot to maintain on their own time. At the Urban Farm, there are many areas that need attention.

This summer, participation in the Adopt-a-Spot program has increased. The Farm has never looked better.

Barb Neinhaus cares for the bed next to the Hoe House. She cleaned and organized the bed as a shade garden for ferns and flowers.



# Tree Care at the Farm

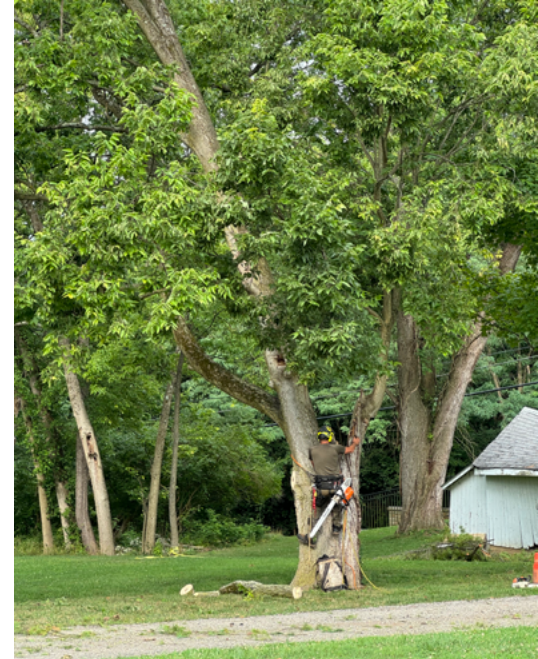
Our Urban Farm setting is beautiful – many describe it as an “oasis in suburbia.” We treasure the farm’s natural assets, and often they need care, sometimes unexpectedly. On July 14th, a rogue wind brought down a large white pine near the farm



entrance, blocking the driveway. As if loss of the tree wasn’t enough, it landed on our tool shed, rendering it a total loss.

David Vogel, of **David Vogel Landscape Company**, and a small team of volunteers donated their time and were able to quickly remove the tree from the driveway that evening.

A few days later, **RW Aufderheide and Son, Tree Removal Experts**, donated their services to remove the tree from the grounds. Additionally, they felled and removed a hackberry tree that had been designated for removal.



We are grateful for the partnership we have with these community businesses. Please keep them in mind for your landscaping and tree care needs. [S](#)

# 4-H and ATHS

In partnership with the **Hamilton County 4-H**, the Urban Farm has been hosting an eight-week summer session for participants entering grades 2-5 in the fall. They have engaged in a wide variety of activities centered around the theme, “Let’s Grow Together.” They have planned and planted a raised bed with vegetables and flowers, and have planned and installed



a farm-themed “fairy garden.” Activities encourage them to think about how to approach, plan and execute projects. Problem-solving and cooperative decision-making are encouraged. After the planned activities are completed, the team usually has time to enjoy some of the farm amenities with chickens and tadpoles being favorites! Thanks, Hamilton County 4-H



for allowing us to partner with you for this program. [S](#)

# SIGNATURE QUILT, BAPTIST CHURCH, Mt. Washington, 1894

## How did this quilt get so far from home?

The ATHS has an embroidered “Friendship” signature quilt created in 1893 and 1894 by the Quilt Committee of the Sewing Society of the Mt. Washington Baptist Church (old Baptist Church\*). Featured are names of 500 persons who lived at that time in Anderson Township. Each floral decoration and name was embroidered in red on a white background.

In 1972, Mr. Smalley received a letter (on file) from a woman in Williamsburg, Kentucky who had the quilt, given to her by a friend. Since it related to Mt. Washington, she wanted to return the quilt. Since Smalley was considered the Mt. Washington historian, she contacted him.

### How did the quilt end up in Kentucky?

Clara Brown, who helped make the quilt, purchased it when it went up for sale.

She later gave it to her sister-in-law, Ida Dunham Brown, who gave it to her daughter, Ethel Brown. Ethel became blind and worked in a school for the blind. She gave it to a co-worker, Mrs. Wade Cardell, who

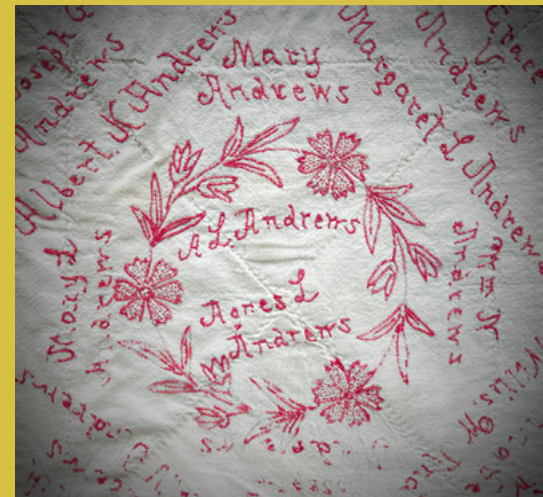


was the thoughtful lady from Williamsburg, Kentucky who returned the quilt.

Smalley gave the quilt to Margaret (Andrews) Tietig’s daughter, Mrs. John Parlin. Margaret’s name was on the quilt when she was eleven years old. (Margaret later married Rudolph Tietig, a well-known Cincinnati architect.) Mrs. Parlin donated the quilt to the ATHS in 1981.

We find the Andrews’ square in Block 24 of the quilt.

This is the quilt which took a journey but came back home. [S](#)



\*The Old Baptist Church was founded in 1866 by Rev. Benjamin Franklin Harmon, father of Ohio’s governor, Judson Harmon.

# POTLUCK

## ANDERSON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY & URBAN FARM ANNUAL INDOOR PICNIC

Wednesday August 7, 2024

ANDERSON CENTER – 7850 Five Mile Road

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 pm – DINNER SERVED AT 6:00 pm

CHICKEN (Fried & Baked) & DRINKS  
DINNERWARE & UTENSILS  
WILL BE PROVIDED by ATHS

**Please RSVP (Lyn) at 513-232-1559**

Give your name & number in your party by Aug. 1st to help with our chicken order, drinks, supplies and table set ups.



### “SUGGESTED” CATEGORIES BY LAST INITIAL:

A-D – Starch

E-L – Dessert

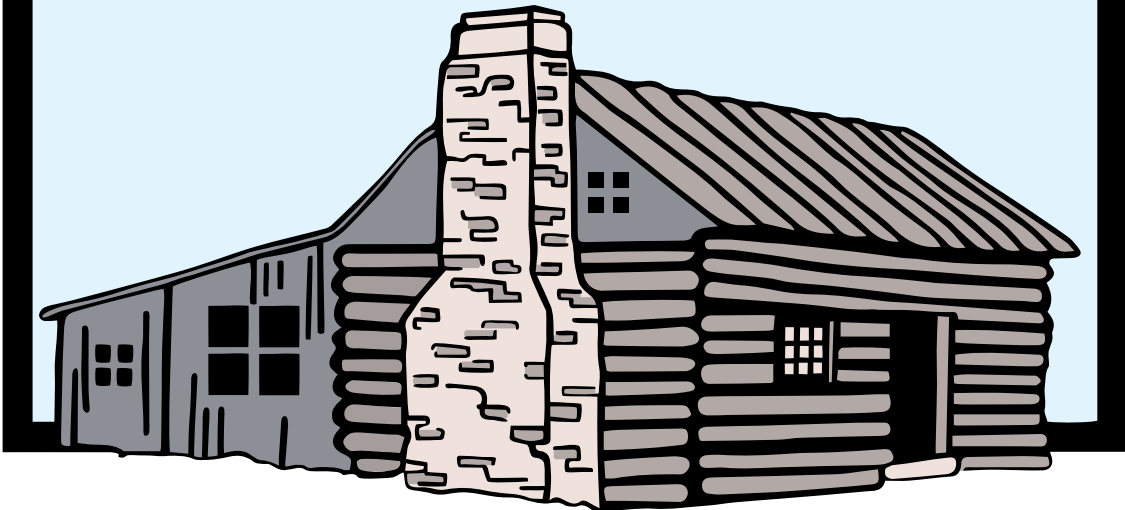
M-R – Salad

S-Z – Veggie

*Your dish should serve 8-12*

(Don't Forget: a “serving” utensil for your dish)

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## Membership Information

Your dues help support our work to preserve the history of Anderson Township and develop the Urban Farm. Membership includes monthly meetings with speakers, and discounted admission to programs and classes. ATHS annual dues are due May 1st. Please send your check to ATHS at the address listed below. You can also pay via PayPal on our website. Please put “dues” in the comment section. <https://andersonurbanfarm.com/donatetoday/>

## Membership Announcements

*Bob King, Treasurer*

Thank you to everyone who renewed your memberships. We appreciate your continued support.

The following joined as new members; please make them feel welcome:

Lea and Eric Beck  
Regina Hopple  
Marcia and Michael Jelus  
Sally Motz  
Patricia Wilfert

Special Mention is also being made for those who upgraded to “LIFETIME MEMBERS”:

Daisy Cunningham  
Erika and Doug Dierking  
Kathy Hoelscher

## Membership Rates

Single: \$25  
Couple: \$40  
Lifetime Single: \$150  
Lifetime Couple: \$250

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