

Newsletter

June and July, 2011

New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society



*Cub Scouts taking turns with mortar and pestle
on back porch of Ealy House*

(photo by Henry Kempker)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat. May 21 -- FOUNDERS DAY. Parade at 11:00 a.m.

Bake sale on Elem. School grounds from 10 a.m. until everything is sold. Exhibits in Elem. Sch. Gym from 12 to 5 p.m.

Ealy House open from 2-4 for tours. Dedication of old dinner bell during event. Performance of "Liddlers" (children's fiddle-playing group) at 2:15.

Thur. May 26 -- 3-6 p.m. Drop-off time at the Dryer House (7569 Walnut St.) for donations to yard sale.

Sat. May 28 -- 9-3, YARD SALE at Dryer place

Thurs. JUNE 2 -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting at the Plain Township Fire Station. Hostesses: Naomi Fodor & Sine Ayres

Tues. June 28 -- 7 p.m. Board Meeting

Sat. JULY 2 -- Independence Day Parade & Celebration.

Ealy House open for tours following the parade, until 2 p.m.

Thurs. JULY 7 -- 6 p.m. ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC at the Savesons' barn, 8370 Clouse Rd. The Board will provide a variety of main dishes. Everyone else bring either a salad or other side dish or dessert. Also, please bring your own table service. Iced tea, lemonade, & ice water will be provided.

Tues. July 19 -- Newsletter Deadline

Tues. July 26 -- 7 p.m. Board Meeting

Thurs. AUGUST 4 -- 7 p.m. Society Meeting

Sat. Aug. 20 -- 9-6, Harlem Historical Society event at Center Village. Details in next Newsletter.

NOTE: Every Monday, from 9:30 till noon, a group will be working at the Ealy House. Come join us to sort stuff and spiff up the house for upcoming tours. (Call first to make sure, 797-4490 or 939-0590.)

FOUNDERS DAY PLANS

On Saturday, May 21, New Albany's 36th Founders Day celebration will take place. Our Historical Society began the tradition in 1976 in observation of the nation's 200th birthday, and we have been involved ever since. The Parade will begin at 11 a.m., featuring, we hope, our newly acquired and refurbished antique spring wagon (as we go to press, we have not yet found a horse for it). We have 4-H kids hoping to ride in it.

In the Elementary School gym, we will have a modest exhibit of old maps, scrapbooks, and other artifacts, and of course the Heritage Quilt will be on display. On the school grounds, in the vicinity of the other food vendors, we will have a bake sale featuring homemade goodies. (See below for labeling instructions.)

The Ealy House will be open for tours from 2 until 3 p.m. Special this year will be a performance at 2:15 of the "Liddlers," a little group of young costumed fiddlers from the Worthington-Columbus Suzuki Violin School. Another highlight will be the inauguration of the newly installed antique dinner bell in the back yard. Obviously, we will need helpers in the Gym, at the Bake Sale, and at the Ealy House. If you do not volunteer, you will be drafted.

LABELING ITEMS FOR THE BAKE SALE

Every package must have a label with the following information:

1. It must say "Homemade."
2. Name of our organization: New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society, P.O. Box 219, New Albany, OH 43054. (Your own name is not necessary, oddly enough.)
3. Name of the food item. (For example, "Brownies")
4. The ingredients, listed by weight from heaviest to lightest. Just do your best with this. (Remember that the ingredients added last are often the heaviest, like nuts and raisins.)
5. If you use an ingredient that is itself made of other ingredients, you have to include those as listed on the package they come from.

WE ARE BACK IN THE TOUR BUSINESS!

You might think the Ealy House is the greatest attraction in New Albany, to judge from the number of people who have toured our building lately. First, there were two dens of Cub Scouts on Sunday afternoon April 10. These boys (and fathers and den leaders) thoroughly enjoyed all three levels of the house, but perhaps most of all the basement and the old tools down there in the newly arranged "Farm Museum" room. Upstairs, they were delighted to meet Naomi Swickard Fodor, for of course they all were very familiar with Fodor Road and Swickard Woods. But to meet the lady who had grown up on the farm which had become their schoolgrounds was just amazing. (Naomi, in turn, was charmed by the youngsters, as were we all.)

Next, on Thursday, April 28, we had 130 sixth-graders! Luckily, they came in two batches of 65 each, plus 2 or 3 teachers. After trooping up the ramp to the back porch, they listened to a very informative and lively introduction to the history of New Albany and the Ealy family given by Mayor Nancy Ferguson. Then the 65 were divided into 4 groups and sent to 4 different parts of the house, with a definite order to follow: the basement, the kitchen, the rest of the downstairs, and the upstairs. One of us was in charge of each of the 4 locations, and it all went like clockwork. Those 6th-graders had some advance information, and were full of good questions.

And 4 days later, on Monday, May 2, we hosted 18 young Girl Scouts, with 4 leaders and parents, and once again, the kids were charming and they loved what they saw. Thanks very much to the following Society members for preparing the house, planning the tours, and acting as docents: Marilyn Regrut, Helen Pestel, Naomi Fodor, John and Marty Saveson, Theresa Kempker, and Nancy Ferguson. We all enjoy doing this, but we are beginning to be busy enough that we would like to have some extra help. Consider joining our ranks. You will discover that being a docent is a great experience.

BIG YARD SALE COMING UP

Saturday, May 28, from 9 to 3, our first yard sale of 2011 will take place on the grounds of the Dryer House, 7569 Walnut St. We still have a number of good items left from last fall's sales, but we will be adding additional pieces of furniture and many smaller objects. Now that the Farm Museum in the basement of the Ealy House is full, there are many antique and vintage farm items which are duplicates and which can be added to the sale. There are still a number of beautiful old doors to be sold, and a refrigerator, a microwave, a copier, and some rugs.

However, since we want to advertise this as a big and important sale to attract new customers on the Memorial Day weekend, we are asking for further contributions. Please look through your attics and garages for things in good condition which you do not need any longer, such as kitchen wares, tools, bedding, holiday decorations, toys, books, and small pieces of furniture. (But NOT clothing or exercise machines or TV's.) You may drop donations off between 3 and 6 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at the Dryer House. Or phone Marilyn Regrut (797-4490) or the Savesons (855-9809) to arrange another time.

We will need all the help we can get, setting up the sale at 7:30 a.m. on the 28th, running the sale from 9 to 12 and 12 to 3, and putting stuff away afterwards, from about 3 to about 4 p.m. Please volunteer. Check the local papers for our ad, which will include a rain date.



Girl Scouts trying on old-fashioned hats at the Ealy House

NAPT HISTORICAL SOCIETY General Meeting

April 7, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM at the NAPT Fire Station.

Minutes of the March meeting were read by Theresa Kempker; corrections: *Autobiography of Mark Twain* is the correct title of the book presented by John Saveson; and the farm machine in the Dryer barn is a "reaper," not a "thresher".

Motion by Nancy Ferguson to approve with corrections, second David Cline.

Treasurer's report presented by Helen Pestel, motion to accept by Neil Kirby, second David Cline.

The Township has awarded the Society a grant of \$7000.

Old Business

John Saveson informed us about the leaking basement wall in the Ealy House and some possible things to do to check out the drains around the basement. It has been determined that it is not a gutter issue.

Nancy told us about the bat removal activities which have occurred and the 3-year warranty.

Founders Day report by David Cline; discussed things to have in the Gym, Schleppi artwork, Heritage Quilt, scrap books and the long township photo. The Gym area will be shared with other groups.

Ealy house will be open. Will post signage in front yard.

Discussed bake sale, include possible sale of t-shirts and note cards. All bakery must be marked "home made". There is a \$25.00 fee with the Vendor Application. Nancy will organize and run the bake sale after the Parade is over. Marty will make calls to request baked goods; Neil Kirby and Herfy & friends may be able to set up the tent Friday night.

The Bobb family has offered to donate a horse-drawn spring wagon to the NAPT Historical Society. It is in need of some repair work but once fixed would be a wonderful way to represent the Society in the F.D. parade. Motion was made by John Saveson to accept the wagon, second Nancy Ferguson. Vote indicated all present in favor.

An Amish person has been located who will do repairs for \$200 - \$400.

President Marilyn Regrut brought up the need to pursue corporate funding to help meet operating expenses, maintain property and to contribute to our endowment.

Nancy Ferguson volunteered to chair a committee to pursue this endeavor, Neil Kirby offered to assist.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM

Guest April Domine, the New Superintendent of NA Schools spoke to us about school issues and her activities to gather input and best serve the community. She made us aware that crowding is a major concern in the schools.

-- Kathy Yager, Secretary pro tem



Sixth-graders around the kitchen table in the Ealy House

New Albany Plain Township Historical Society

Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Marilyn Regrut at 7 pm. Helen Pestel read the minutes of the previous meeting. Theresa Kempker moved approval of the minutes. Naomi Fodor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Helen Pestel read the treasurer's report. Nancy Ferguson moved approval of the treasurer's report. John Ayers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

David Cline and Marilyn Regrut reported on the arrangements for Founders' Day. The Historical Society will be displaying the Heritage Quilt, the Plain Township picnic photo and Ethel Schleppi paintings in the gymnasium. David reported that the display can be set up as soon as school is out on Friday, but the Historical Society decided to set up on Saturday morning so they can assure the display is secure. Henry and Neil Kirby will set up the tent for our bake sale outside. The Historical Society will sell baked goods, Historical Society note cards, and extra Founder's Day T-shirts which aren't a part of the collection. Marty Saveson volunteered to call members and ask if they could prepare baked goods for the sale. We will also pass out flyers advertising our yard sale on May 28th.

The historic wagon donated by John and Janis Bobb is being restored and should be done in time to be our entry in the Founder's Day parade. Arrangements were made for a sign on the side of the wagon and for several 4H members to ride in the wagon. The Society will rent a horse to pull the wagon.

The Ealy House will also be open from 2 to 4 on Founder's Day and tours will be given. The "Liddle's" (Little Fiddlers) will play the violin during the open house. An antique bell owned by the Historical Society, will be installed at the Ealy House as a "dinner bell" and will be inaugurated on Founder's Day. Rick Otten has volunteered to install it. The wagon will be displayed at the Ealy House after the parade and, afterwards, stored in the Shockey barn. Nancy Ferguson, Henry J. , and Neil Kirby volunteered to take down the tent and the display in the gym at the conclusion of the day and return things to the Ealy House.

The Historical Society will host a yard sale at the Dryer House on May 28th from 9 to 3. Marty Saveson will place information in the newsletter encouraging our members to donate items to the yard sale. A group of members will meet at the Dryer House on May 12th at 9:30 am to go through our storage buildings at the Dryer house to see if there are any duplicate items we would want to sell at the sale. Anyone wishing to drop off items for sale should do so on May 26th between 3 and 6 pm, or make other arrangements with a member of the Historical Society.

A few months ago, John Saveson arranged to have some drain work done at the Ealy House to dry up the basement walls in the northeast corner of the Ealy House. The situation was improved, but a minor amount of water remained after extensive rainfall. John had some additional repairs done at a cost of

\$369 and paid for the bill. This appears to have remedied the problem. Nancy Ferguson moved and Liz Feichter seconded a motion that we should reimburse John Saveson for the repairs. The motion passed unanimously.

The Founder's Day committee recently purchased "Memorial Bricks" for the Ealy House sidewalk in honor of the Grand Marshal and Community Connections honoree for this year's event.

The New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society will put on a display at the Harlem Township Historical Society on Saturday, August 20th in Center Village. The event is free and will provide a good opportunity for us to connect with other families interested in promoting our local history.

President Marilyn Regrut organized a committee to get estimates on the cost of removing some of the duct work from the basement of the Ealy House and rearranging other duct work and air conditioning lines. The goal is to make it more conducive to a display area. John Saveson, Nancy Ferguson, John Ayers and Liz Feichter will serve on the committee. They will get 3 estimates for getting the work done.

Marilyn Regrut will contact Willard and Patty Zarley about picking up the Heritage Quilt and the display rack the Zarley's purchased for it a few years ago. Some members will also try to meet with Willard about the computer situation. Marilyn will try to set up a meeting on Monday at 9:30 am.

The Historical Society needs some additional antique "sidewalk stones" for the basement entranceway at the Ealy House. In the 1800s, homeowners used large pieces of sandstone instead of concrete to make their sidewalks. The Historical Society has collected quite a few, but still needs approximately 4 or 5 more to complete the sidewalk near the basement door. Marilyn Regrut contacted The New Albany Company which has one additional stone they can donate. At such time as the Kern Harrington House is moved, there may be additional stones. The group decided to notify the members in the newsletter that additional stones are needed and ask that any extras be donated. Robert Dean volunteered to move the extra stone offered by the New Albany Company.

Marilyn Regrut reported the members have hosted many tours of the Ealy House over the last month. 14 Cub Scouts, 18 Girl Scouts, and 130 sixth graders from New Albany Middle School toured the building and learned more about New Albany's local history.

Liz Feichter volunteered to investigate the possibility of making stationary and/or postcards from photos of old homes in our area. She will research the costs.

Theresa Kempker and Henry volunteered to work on eliminating the groundhog holes around the Ealy House.

Nancy Ferguson indicated the city of New Albany needs a hay wagon for use in the Founder's Day parade. The group agreed to rent the Historical Society's wagon to the city.

Helen Pestel and Theresa Kempker hosted delicious refreshments after the meeting. The members also enjoyed some candy sent to the Historical Society by Cub Scouts Pack 150 after they toured the Ealy House a week ago.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Ferguson, Acting Secretary.

NOTES & NEWS

Henry Kempker was graduated from high school on April 30. He has been granted an Arts scholarship as well as a Trustees scholarship at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, where he will begin his studies this coming fall. Congratulations, Henry!

Kristin Yager will be married on June 4 in the Church of the Resurrection, to 2nd Lt. David Cook, of the U.S. Marines. The young couple will live near Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where David is stationed, until his deployment overseas in September. Meanwhile, Kristin is to be congratulated on her new Masters degree in Business Management from the Ohio Dominican University, granted on May 7.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Janice Whitehead's new address is as follows:

15269 Township Road 403
Thornville, OH 43076

Marian Mayer's new address is as follows:

101 Green Cedar Lane
Chapel Hill, N.C. 27517



On the Ealy House porch, Nancy Ferguson introduces sixth-graders to the history of New Albany and of the Ealy family.

New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society Treasurer's Report – March/April, 2011

<u>Income</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Walton Memorial	50.00	\$390.00
Anonymous Donation		500.00
Grant-Village of New Albany		7000.00
Pamphlets		8.00
Memberships (Hess)		10.00
Checking Interest	.92	.93
Total Income	\$ 50.92	\$7908.93

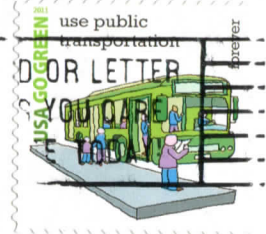
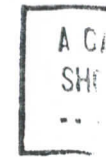
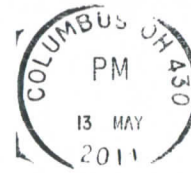
<u>Expenses</u>		
AEP – (Ealy \$434.40, \$201.58; RTD\$5.68, \$5.68)	\$ 440.08	\$207.26
AT&T	24.40	24.42
US Postal Service (Box Rental – one year)	40.00	
Critter Control-Ealy House		3435.67
OLHA (formerly OAHSM) membership		35.00
Print Xpress		43.70
New Albany Founders Day		25.00
Brink's Security System	107.97	
Total Expenses	\$ 612.45	\$3771.05

<u>March 1st Balance</u>	\$ 11,335.26
Income	7,959.85
Expenses	4,383.50
<u>April 30th Balance</u>	\$ 14,911.61
Hold for Computer Software	600.00
Hold for Quilt	1,500.00
Hold for Ealy Sign	3,500.00
Vanguard Fund Balance 3/31/11	20,339.23
Balance NACF Ealy Sustaining Fund 3/31/10	69,668.88
Balance NACF Ealy Renovation Fund 1/21/10	closed
Ameriprise (3/31/11)	112,319.94 (includes \$7,463.88 (6.66452%) <u>Memorial Money</u>)

Respectfully submitted, Helen Pestel, Treasurer

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Founders Day will be on May 21

Our Society Yard Sale will be on May 28

Our next Society meeting will be on June 2,
at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station

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