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CHAMPAIGN CHRONICLES

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NATIONAL HISTORY DAY AWARDS PRESENTED



CCHS Pres. Dan Walter presents Paige Deere with the Henry Howe Excellence in History Award

On May 19 in recognition of the National History Day program, CCHS presented Judge Evan P. Middleton Awards to 23 state finalists and the Henry Howe Excellence in History award to 4 national candidates. Prior to the presentation Dr. Ward Lutz, great grand nephew of Judge Middleton, reviewed the biographies of both Middleton and Howe. The four national candidates - Paige Deere, Reagan Hepp, Laken Ridgewell, and Bre Stouffer - then presented their program, a 10 minute skit based upon the theme "Triumph over Tragedy" which was enthusiastically received by the capacity audience.

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH



Four busloads of Graham elementary students toured the museum on May 15 and 16. As in the past we were fortunate to have volunteers, many of them former teachers such as Mary Mott (left), assist. In this case, both students and teachers dressed in "period" clothing.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Following our successful new fundraiser (Antiques Appraisal Fair), we have had a busy Spring at the museum. A careful analysis of our financial status indicates that we are now in position to hire a part time employee to open the museum and handle our day-to-day business. On June 12 your board moved to hire a Museum Operations Manager to open the museum Tuesday - Saturday (hours to be determined). The museum will be closed on Mondays and open on Sundays when we have programs. To date we have received over 40 applications and hope to have someone trained and in place by July 9. This is a temporary (one year) job subject to further funding. That said we are cautiously optimistic that we can maintain and perhaps grow this position as memberships and fundraising opportunities present themselves. As always, we thank our members for your support!

- Dan Walter

COMING EVENTS

Five Fascinating Stories!

On **Sunday July 21 at 2:00 pm** five of Champaign County's best raconteurs will recount their experiences perhaps better entitled "Four Military Tales and a Ghost Story." Dewey Brosay, Dick Freyhof, Laura Hamilton, Charlene Hess, and John Payton will host this event which will coincide with the ParkFest event adjoining museum property.



Do you know who this is with Charlene Hess?

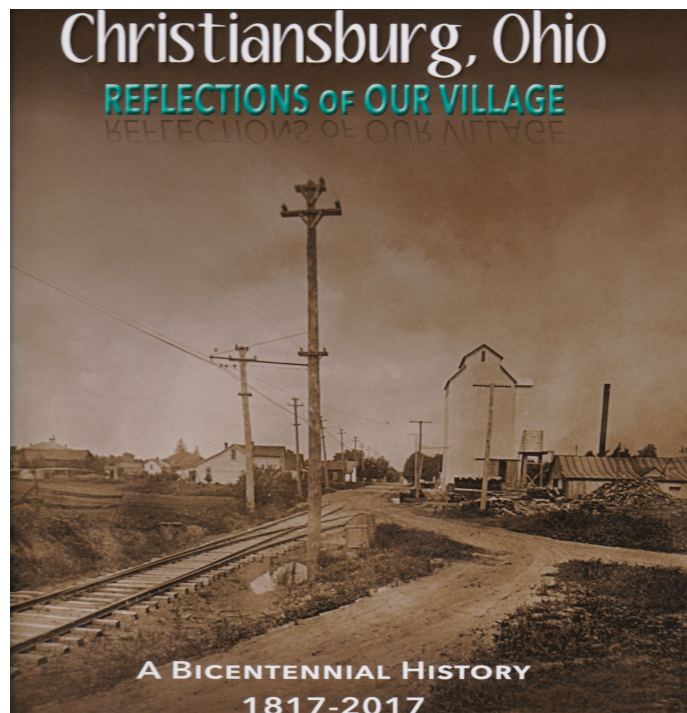
Champaign County Fair

Be sure to join us at the Fair August 2 - 9. We had a booth in the Merchant's Building last year, and it was well attended. People took in our displays, shared items of historical interest, and joined our membership. This is a tradition that we hope to maintain from year to year.



History of Christiansburg

On **Sunday August 11 at 2:00 pm** CCHS Trustee Candy Gilliam will present a program detailing the history of Christiansburg. Candy, a thirty-year resident, published a history of Christiansburg in 2018. She is and has been the clerk of the Christiansburg Post Office for over twenty years and, needless to say, knows the population.



Oktoberfest

On **Sunday October 6 from 10 -4** we'll once again celebrate our flagstone event, Oktoberfest, and this one promises to be bigger and better! Of course the museum will be open, the German Band will stroll the grounds, and a selected county high school band will perform. In addition, we're providing a newly expanded "food court" to include a variety of vendors emphasizing German flavors. Registered so far are Big Willie's (German) BBQ, American Legion Ladies Auxillary (brats and kraut), and Mom Andrasik's Cabbage Rolls, to be washed down, if desired, with Gold Medal-winning Oktoberfest beer from Mother Stewart's Brewing Company (Springfield). So mark your calendars and remember to bring friends and family!

NEW MEMBERS

Michelle Adams

Michael & Peggy Chamberlain

Robert Combs

Amanda Goodwin

Bill & Janet Heater

Lewis & Sharon Hilleary

Brad & Suzanne McCoy

Did you know that we now have nearly 300 members and that our membership has increased by 50% since 2017? And did you also know that a fair percentage of our members do not live in Champaign County? Our membership is open to all who want to support our mission and follow our progress via these newsletters. Help us pass the word that people can join on line and that memberships start at only \$15.

Thank you!

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