

AGENDA – COUNCIL MEETING – August 10, 2020

MAYOR - Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

CLERK - Roll Call
Moment of Silence

1. Minutes of July 13, 2020
2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments
3. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1712 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE LIST OF LIGHT ASSESSMENTS. (waive three readings)
4. A PROCLAMATION TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020 AS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS AND EDUCATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF UNION.
5. Open Agenda

Mayor
Council members
City Manager
6. Adjourn

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

July 13, 2020

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance was taken and the following council members were present: Mayor O'Callaghan, Mrs. Thomas-Roth, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Perkins, and Mr. Bruns.

Other city staff members attending the meeting were John Applegate, City Manager, Denise Winemiller, Clerk of Council, and Joe Moore, Law Director.

Mayor O'Callaghan called for a moment of silence.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections for the minutes of the June 8, 2020 council meeting. There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. Mrs. Perkins abstained and the other council members voted in favor of the motion. The minutes were approved.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

There were no comments from the citizens and visitors in the audience.

3. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan commented that since they met last month, cases of the Coronavirus had actually increased. He said that they are not out of this yet, and he asked that residents stay safe, and keep doing what they are supposed to do to keep this pandemic from getting any worse. The Mayor asked that citizens follow the guidelines to help keep this from spreading. He said he was hopeful that things would be improved by their next council meeting.

Mrs. Perkins agreed with his comments and added, that she believed we were in this for the long haul, and suggested that people exercise, eat well, and hang on for next year.

Mrs. Thomas-Roth said that she thought East Martindale Road and Old Springfield looked great after getting repaved.

She also said that someone had told her she could take down her "Save Knoop Prairie", and she asked if that was the case, and if it was safe now. Mr. Applegate said he

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wished it was safe but it was not safe yet. Mrs. Thomas-Roth said that is what she had thought.

Mr. Bruns asked if there was any need for a second meeting in July and Mr. Applegate said not at this time. He moved that the July 27, 2020 meeting be cancelled. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Applegate said he wanted to add to what Mrs. Thomas-Roth had said about the streets. He said in addition to sections of East Martindale and Old Springfield, the city had also done parts of Carol Lane, West Martindale, and Old Mill up to Sweet Potato Ridge.

Mayor O'Callaghan said he agreed, that all the roadways looked great. Mr. Applegate said that they might try to do a few more streets in September, depending on the revenue coming in.

Mr. Applegate said that they were not able to project the amount of revenue yet since payment of Federal taxes is not due until July 15.

Mr. Applegate said that everything at the plant was going well. He said they were laying conduit and pipe, and backfilling around the tanks which was two-thirds done,

Mr. Applegate said Metronet and another Internet company are installing cable all over town but he said that everything in town was going well.

4. Mr. Bruns moved that the council meeting be adjourned. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the council meeting was adjourned.

The next council meeting will be on August 10, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor

ORDINANCE 1712

Passed _____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE LIST OF LIGHT ASSESSMENTS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNION, OHIO THAT:

SECTION I:

The list submitted to the Montgomery and Miami County Auditor's offices for light assessments be accepted and approved, and

SECTION II:

Street Light and Walkway Assessments to be charged as follows:

Street Light Assessment:

\$3.00 / \$1,000 valuation

Concord Farms North Walkway Lights:

\$40.76 / lot

Concord Farms West Walkway Lights:

\$46.13 / lot

Irongate Subdivision:

\$45.75 / lot

Union Ridge Subdivision:

\$38.06 / lot

Lindeman Commons Subdivision:

\$49.79 / lot

ORDINANCE 1712

Passed _____

Concord Meadows Subdivision:

\$41.76 / lot

Stoney Crest Subdivision:

\$60.45/ lot

Union Springs Subdivision:

\$ 50.80 / lot

The amount of the city's street light assessment for Montgomery County parcels is \$362,585.62. The total amount to be collected is \$380,715.62 with the inclusion of the Montgomery County Auditor's office five percent (5%) collection fee.

SECTION III:

The Clerk is authorized and directed to certify the same to the Montgomery County and Miami County Auditor's for collection for a period of one (1) year, and

SECTION IV:

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

Michael O'Callaghan, Mayor

Denise Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice-Mayor

PROCLAMATION

To proclaim the month of
September 2020 as
Prostate Cancer Awareness and Education Month
in the City of Union.

Whereas, this year approximately 191,930 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States alone every year and roughly 33,330 will die this year from the disease; and

Whereas, in Ohio an estimated 7,030 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed and an estimated 1,200 deaths will occur in 2020; and

Whereas, Men with relatives – father, brother, son – with a history of prostate cancer are twice as likely to develop the disease; and

Whereas, Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in American men, behind only lung cancer; and

Whereas, Men who served in the military who have been exposed to chemicals and herbicides are at a higher risk for developing prostate cancer; and

Whereas, 1 in 9 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime. African American men are at the highest risk for the disease with the rate of 1 in 6 and 2.2 times more likely to die from the disease; and

Whereas, Education regarding prostate cancer and early detection strategies is critical to saving lives, preserving, and protecting our families. The economic and social hardship it has on the families is huge; Prostate cancer is estimated to cost over \$8 billion in direct medical expenditures; and

Whereas, Nearly 3.1 million men in the U.S. are living with a prostate cancer diagnosis; that number is estimated to climb to 4 million by 2024 as men in the baby boomer generation age; and

Whereas, all men are at risk of prostate cancer and we encourage the citizens of the City of Union to increase the importance of prostate screening.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael O'Callaghan, Mayor of the City of Union, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2020, as:

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Union, and urge all members of our community to join in recognition of this significant occasion.

Signed under my hand and seal this 10th day of August, 2020 in the City of Union, Ohio.

Michael O'Callaghan, Mayor

Property values climb in Montgomery County

Strong housing market signals region's economic strength.



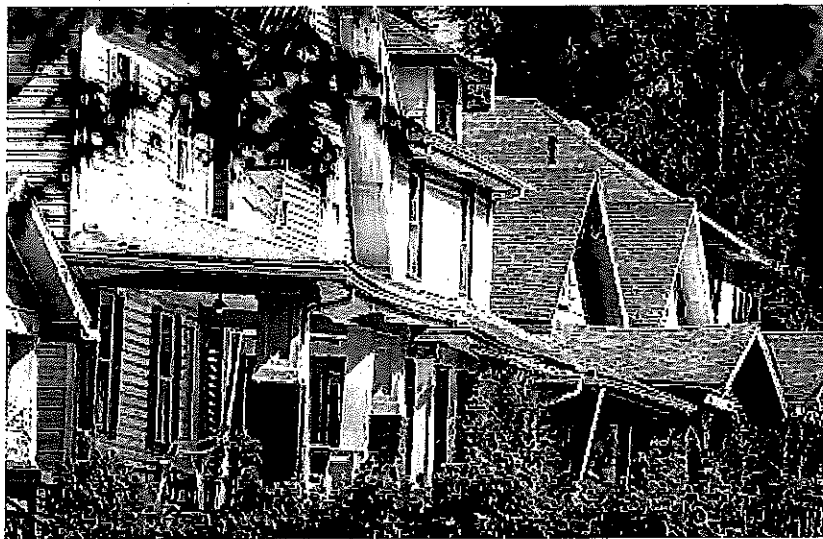
MIAMISBURG: 8.77% The city's homes gained over \$118 million in value. MARSHALL GORBY \ STAFF



KETTERING: 9.21% The city's homes gained nearly \$300 million in value. MARSHALL GORBY \ STAFF



TROTWOOD: 6.8% Despite getting slammed with a 2019 Memorial Day tornado, Trotwood's values gained \$40.7 million. JIM NOELKER / STAFF



DAYTON: 6.9% Property values in Dayton and Montgomery County are going up, including these homes on Huron Ave. JIM NOELKER / STAFF

BY CHRIS STEWART
STAFF WRITER

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY — A 2020 reappraisal shows property values climbed over the past three years in every Montgomery County township and city but one. The gains will be reflected in a majority of tentative taxable value notices going out to property owners later this week.

Nearly 40% of Montgomery County's \$1.8 billion increase in property values

over the past three years were in Kettering, Dayton and Washington Twp., according to a reappraisal by the Montgomery County auditor.

Total market value rose more than \$292.5 million in Kettering, \$209.4 million in Dayton and \$194.2 million in Washington Twp., though other municipalities realized larger percentage increases on residential and commercial properties.

With the addition of Miami Twp., Huber Heights, Centerville and Miamisburg, the seven accounted for 69% of the county's total \$1.8 billion, or 7% rise in taxable property values since 2017, Montgomery County Auditor Karl Keith told more than 80 government officials via a Zoom meeting Tuesday while releasing the figures to jurisdictions.

A robust housing market is responsible for most of the gains and the overall increase in values signals a strong financial base for the community, Keith said.

"It means that the economy is growing," he said "Our community has turned a corner from from the recession."

The largest gain since 2005 brings the the total tax value on about 252,000 parcels in the county to roughly \$28 billion, Keith said.

Residential values went up 7.4%. Commercial and industrial values, which lagged in 2017, rose 5.9%.

Dayton property values barely budged in the 2017 triennial review, rising then only 0.5% or \$21.3 million.

Values are up 5.5% this year, or \$210 million, representing 12% of the countywide increase.

"Those are big numbers for Dayton," Keith said.

Overall, the southern suburbs accounted for 56% of the county's growth in property value. The northern suburbs experienced the next greatest share of total growth with 19%, followed by 18% in the urban core and 7% in the rural western portion of the county.

10%.

Realtor Mark Fornes pointed to opening of the Austin Boulevard interchange at Interstate 75 about a decade ago as key to the “spike in demand” for commercial and residential property in Miamisburg.

“That trend is as big as any I’ve seen since I’ve been in the business,” he said.

Both Englewood and Huber Heights in the north saw housing gains top 9%.

The new numbers are an about face for Englewood, said City Manager Eric Smith.

He recalls being disappointed in the last valuation but is “pleased” to see an increase this year, up from 2.6% in 2017.

“I think that’s a substantial improvement to property value,” Smith said.

Smith cited a strong code enforcement program and recent capital improvement projects, like redoing the intersection of State Route 48 and Interstate 70 and the surrounding landscaping, with raising the value of Englewood properties.

Huber Heights Mayor Jeff Gore sent news of the city’s value increase to residents via Facebook on Tuesday.

“Typically our homes are the biggest investment we make outside of a possible business investment,” he wrote. “Increased property values help us individually and collectively as a community along with our schools.”

The preliminary figures show 70% of residential properties gained taxable value. About 81,000 property owners will see a double digit increase in their values, which shows most people’s largest asset is appreciating in value, Keith said.

Despite getting slammed with a 2019 Memorial Day tornado, Trotwood’s values rose 6.8%, gaining \$40.7 million. Likewise, Harrison Twp. saw a gain of \$31.9 million, or 4.8%. Harrison Twp. was the only jurisdiction to show a decline in 2017.

About 1,200 owners with tornado damaged properties sought tax relief resulting in a \$46 million reduction in tax value. Another \$35.1 million in storm losses will be removed from the value sheets as a result of the reappraisal, Keith said.

Property values rose in all Montgomery County jurisdictions with the exception of Phillipsburg, according to the tentative data.

Oakwood, which had the largest 2017 percentage increase — 13.5% — among municipalities, gained a more modest 4.6% during the 2020 reappraisal.

Residential property values climbed 7.4% reaching about \$21.2 billion. Commercial properties rose 5.9% to \$6.4 billion, according to the auditor's tentative numbers.

The remainder is the value of land used for certain agricultural purposes.

Keith said values increased in 75% of the county's neighborhoods.

Gains were seen in 837 neighborhoods. But 277 neighborhoods saw decreases, some still to recover from the Great Recession, Keith said.

About 30% of neighborhoods — or 332 — showed double-digit percentage increases, according to the auditor's office.

But a 10% or more increase in value doesn't mean a homeowner's tax bill will go up a similar percentage, Keith said.

Public safety, school and other tax levies stay generally level unless citizens vote an increase, Keith said. Inside millage, a smaller portion of the overall real estate tax bill can't exceed 10 mills by law, may increase or decrease based on the valuation, he said.

Tentative value notices headed to property owners will include information on how to appeal a valuation, Keith said. The new values will be firmed up later this year and affect tax bills beginning in January 2021.

County auditors are required to do a full general reappraisal once in every six years. The auditor and a qualified appraiser are required to view and appraise

required to perform a triennial update, last completed in Montgomery County in 2017.

While the market has robust at the moment, the reappraisal doesn't factor in may happen with the coronavirus pandemic, Keith said.

"Given the number of businesses that have had to close their doors and shut down or scale back and or layoff employees or be out of business for a certain period of time ... it's uncertain at this point."

Staff Writers Lawrence Budd and Bonnie Meibers contributed to this story.

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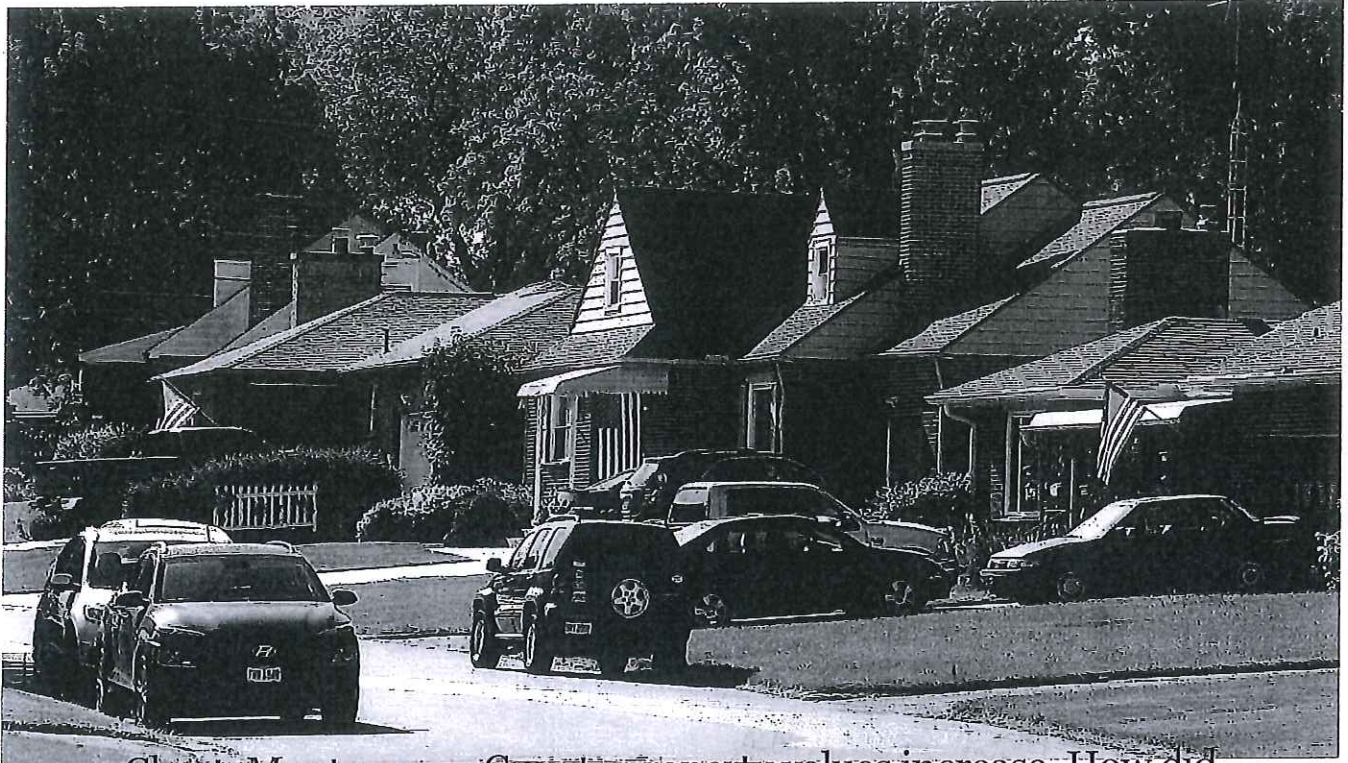


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By Chris Stewart

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Montgomery County property reappraisal, 2020
Kettering, Dayton and Washington Twp. accounted for more than a third of the county's \$1.8 billion increase in property values since 2017. Altogether, residential and commercial/industrial property values rose 7%.

Jurisdiction	Total market value change	Residential value change	Commercial/industrial value change	Total combined change
Kettering	292,543,578	9.21%	8.39%	9.03%
Dayton	209,428,277	6.90%	2.60%	5.47%
Washington Twp.	194,224,773	6.25%	5.33%	6.09%
Miami Twp.	158,602,279	9.17%	10.78%	9.67%
Huber Heights	149,956,837	9.09%	6.55%	8.56%
Centerville	129,476,547	6.70%	6.96%	6.76%
Miamisburg	118,297,073	8.77%	13.68%	10.01%
Englewood	62,096,505	9.19%	5.91%	8.33%
Vandalia	53,376,309	5.19%	5.93%	5.43%
West Carrollton	46,881,621	9.10%	9.88%	9.35%

Jurisdiction	Total market value change	Residential value change	Commercial/industrial value change	Total combined change
Oakwood	43,102,427	4.41%	8.55%	4.57%
Trotwood	40,742,147	8.72%	0.52%	6.82%
Riverside	36,996,754	6.01%	1.94%	5.25%
Harrison Twp.	31,866,105	6.96%	1.54%	4.78%
Butler Twp.	28,064,126	4.61%	3.74%	4.46%
Union	26,825,163	9.54%	3.82%	8.87%
Germantown	25,912,169	9.85%	7.01%	9.50%
Jackson Twp.	23,507,304	8.81%	24.67%	9.85%
German Twp.	22,736,719	11.15%	9.75%	11.03%
Clayton	21,720,737	3.37%	1.80%	3.27%
Brookville	20,545,341	7.44%	4.01%	6.54%
Perry Twp.	20,018,996	9.34%	5.31%	9.19%
Moraine	19,225,675	4.09%	4.97%	4.67%
New Lebanon	11,261,756	7.60%	20.35%	9.62%
Jefferson Twp.	9,488,113	5.04%	7.05%	5.14%
Clay Twp.	7,602,354	5.68%	5.37%	5.61%
Farmersville	3,003,940	6.83%	8.64%	6.95%
Phillipsburg	(211,706)	-2.03%	11.37%	-1.03%
*Total	1,806,763,700	7.35%	5.88%	7.01%

*Sum of jurisdictions does not precisely reflect accurate countywide total due to minor overlaps caused by certain annexations.

Source: Montgomery County Auditor's Office

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A Note from the President...

The first half of 2020 has certainly tested all of us in regards to planning, executing and reacting to the challenges presented during these unprecedented times. I'm pleased to report that the Historical Society continues to make good progress with projects and upgrades to our extremely outdated computer systems and software. At the time of writing this note, the new website is 98% complete and will launch in mid-July. Over the years we have received several collections of negatives and slides with no equipment to view them. A negative/slide viewer has been ordered that will allow us to finally view the negatives and slides and convert them into digital photos. Additionally, three new display cases have come into the History Center's possession and are being utilized to upgrade our historical displays.

As you can see, while we have made significant progress, the Society's needs are still great, and we continue to reach out to all for support. The pandemic has all but stopped visitors and thus our donations are down for the year. On a positive note, we recently received a generous donation of \$5,500 from the Northcreek Homeowners Association. When the HOA disbanded, their articles of incorporation stated that any funds left had to be donated to an organization that promoted the area. We are grateful to have received this unexpected donation and thanks to the generosity of organizations like this and individuals like you, it gives us the opportunity to continue to further our mission and keep the history of Randolph Township alive. I humbly request that you consider the Randolph Township Historical Society for an additional gift to assist us during the effects of the pandemic.

Take care and be well,

Angie



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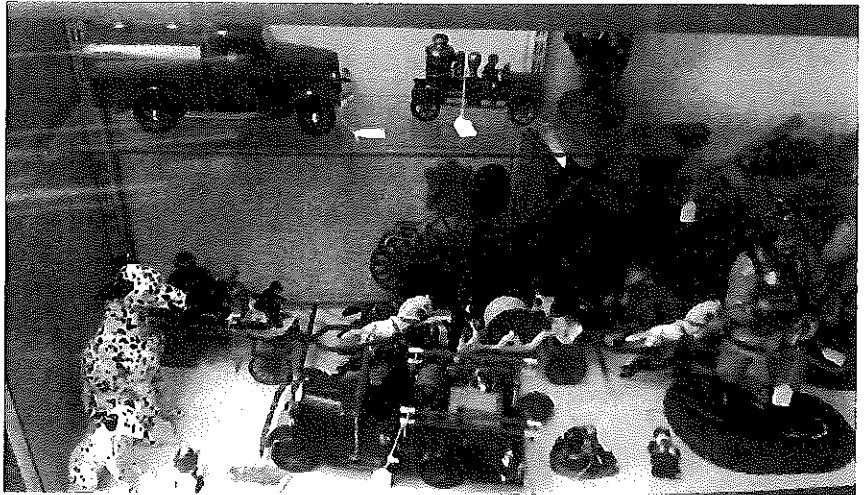
HISTORY CENTER HAPPENINGS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the History Center has been closed to the general public since March. There will not be a regular meeting in July or August. We hope to resume normal monthly meetings in September. Additionally, the History Center will remain closed to the general public until further notice. Visitors may request to visit by appointment only. Please call 937-832-8538 and leave a message so we may return your call. We thank you for your patience and understanding.



Two shelving units in the basement allow for better display of tools and implements.

The display case in the upstairs foyer is filled with fireman collectibles. These items are available individually or we will sell the collection as a whole and will consider a reasonable offer. If you are interested in these items, please call us at 937-832-8538 and leave a message.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Since the shutdown in March, there have been 8 renewals and 1 new membership. Thank you, Norman and Gayle Danes, James and Donna Hendrickson, Dane and Priscilla Mutter and Don and Karen Soddors for your renewal of your Family Membership. We also would like to thank Shirley Frick, David Hoke, Nancy Smith and Judith Wick for renewal of their Individual Memberships and to Keith Radick for becoming a *new* Individual member.

It is with great sadness to report the death of Christina Haas who died on April 25, 2020. She had been a Lifetime member since 2003. She lived in Nyack, New York and visited the History Center whenever she was in the area. We send our heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.

DIARY NOTES



Mrs. Guehring

Mrs. Ollie (Waymire) Guehring was a native of Englewood and wife of Jacob Guehring. For many years, she lived on Burton Avenue on Main Street just north of downtown Dayton. Through a generous donation, the Historical Society received many years of her personal diaries. The story of this acquisition is related below.

In November 2010, the Society received a call from Elizabeth (Liz) Lowery, offering to donate a Waymire family bible and some handwritten diaries to our archives. Many different Waymire's settled in Randolph and Butler Townships in the early 1800s, so we jumped at the chance to preserve this part of local history. Liz's mother had been a neighbor of the granddaughter of D. W. (Daniel Webster) Waymire of Butler Township, Montgomery County, Ohio. Upon her death, the granddaughter left her estate to her neighbors. While they were cleaning out her house, they came across a large cardboard box of handwritten daily diaries. Liz's mother saved them from the dumpster, even though she had no connection to the family. Liz found them a few years later in her mother's home, after she had died. Feeling they were of historical importance; Liz contacted the Historical Society to make the donation.

The family bible shows that D. W. Waymire (born 21 Aug 1839, Butler Twp.) married Amanda Miller (daughter of Phillip and Elizabeth Miller) in 1863. They had three children: Welby L., Eva A. and Carrie Olive (Ollie in the diaries). Society members may recall that Welby Waymire operated a general store in Harrisburg and was serving as postmaster in 1899 when the town's name was changed to Englewood.

The thirty-two diaries cover two generations: D. W. Waymire wrote in four of them with his earliest dated 1867. His diaries talk about seasonal life on the farm such as putting up fences, plowing, planting, harvesting, maple sugar making, butchering, etc. Waymire was a rather well to do farmer who hired much of his work done. The family traveled a lot to church meetings, took farm produce to Dayton for sale, and took excursions to Greenville and "the reservoir" (a.k.a. Grand Lake St. Mary's). He mentions going to Harrisburg in 1879 to see the railroad tracks being laid across Christian Herr's farm. Names of many other local people are mentioned throughout.

Daughter Ollie completed four diaries before she married: 1894 to 1897. Her diaries, written while she lived at home, are more descriptive, telling of sleigh rides in winter, making ice cream, taking singing lessons, etc. Her father took in travelers along the National Road, fed tramps who stopped at the farmhouse asking for food, attended political rallies, and went to see Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show in Dayton. Ollie wrote her later diaries after she married Jacob Geuhring. She lists all the people who attended her wedding and the gifts they brought. During her married life, Ollie and Jacob lived in Englewood and also in Dayton. Her husband taught school in the early years and Ollie continued to make and churn butter for resale in the 'burg (Harrisburg, perhaps in Welby's store) and in Dayton.

The diaries end in 1954 with Ollie's daughter's entry "Mother died today."

It's 1920 and Ollie writes in her diary:

July 8: Cloudy and cool and rained in the P.M. I went to town this morning. Got a pair of shoes, paid 4.95 and a couple of gingham dresses for Margaret. Went out to the L.A.S. with Mrs. Hoffman. Mrs. Ira Mumma, Mrs. Harley and Esther went with us. Coming home, we ran over a little Neilson boy, six years old. A terrible time. Jake came up after us.

July 9: Clear and cool. I cleaned up a little [but] did not feel like it on account of being so nervous from the accident.

The accident that happened on July 8, 1920 surely was tragic for the ladies and more so for the Neilson family. A quick search of the Dayton newspapers at the time relates the following story.

AUTO ACCIDENTS TAKE YOUNG LIVES

TWO BOYS DEAD OF FRACTURED SKULLS

EDWARD NIELSEN.

As the result of concussion of the brain caused by being struck by an automobile, Thursday evening, Edward Nielsen, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nielsen, 2708 North main street, died early Friday morning at St. Elizabeth hospital. The accident happened near the boy's home.

LITTLE VICTIM OF STREET ACCIDENT



Alfred Edward Nielser.

Six-year-old Edward Nielsen and Walter Evans, 17, Are Victims of Accidents on Streets Thursday Afternoon.

As the result of wounds suffered when they were struck by automobiles, two boys died at local hospitals, one late Thursday night, the other Friday morning. A fractured skull was received in each instance.

Edward Nielsen, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nielsen, 2708 North Main street, died at St. Elizabeth hospital early Friday morning. He is said to have been struck by a machine driven by Mrs. Jeanette Hoffman, 24 Burton avenue, as he was crossing the street near his home.

Mrs. Hoffman told police the boy ran across the street, and as the machine approached nearly opposite him, turned and ran directly in front of it, and was thrown to the street. He was taken to the hospital by a police ambulance crew.

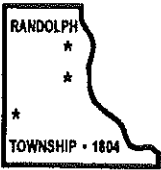
Walter Evans, 17, 60 Costello street, died at Miami Valley hospital at 4:45 o'clock Thursday afternoon from injuries received when he was hit by a machine said to have been driven by M. A. McLain, in front of the N. C. R. factory Wednesday afternoon.

According to police investigations, the accident was unavoidable, as the youth jumped from a dray and ran into the car. The driver, it is said, was unaware of the accident until informed by pedestrians he had struck the youth. McLain lives at 17 Corona street.

Articles and headlines taken from:

The Dayton Herald
Friday, July 8, 1920.

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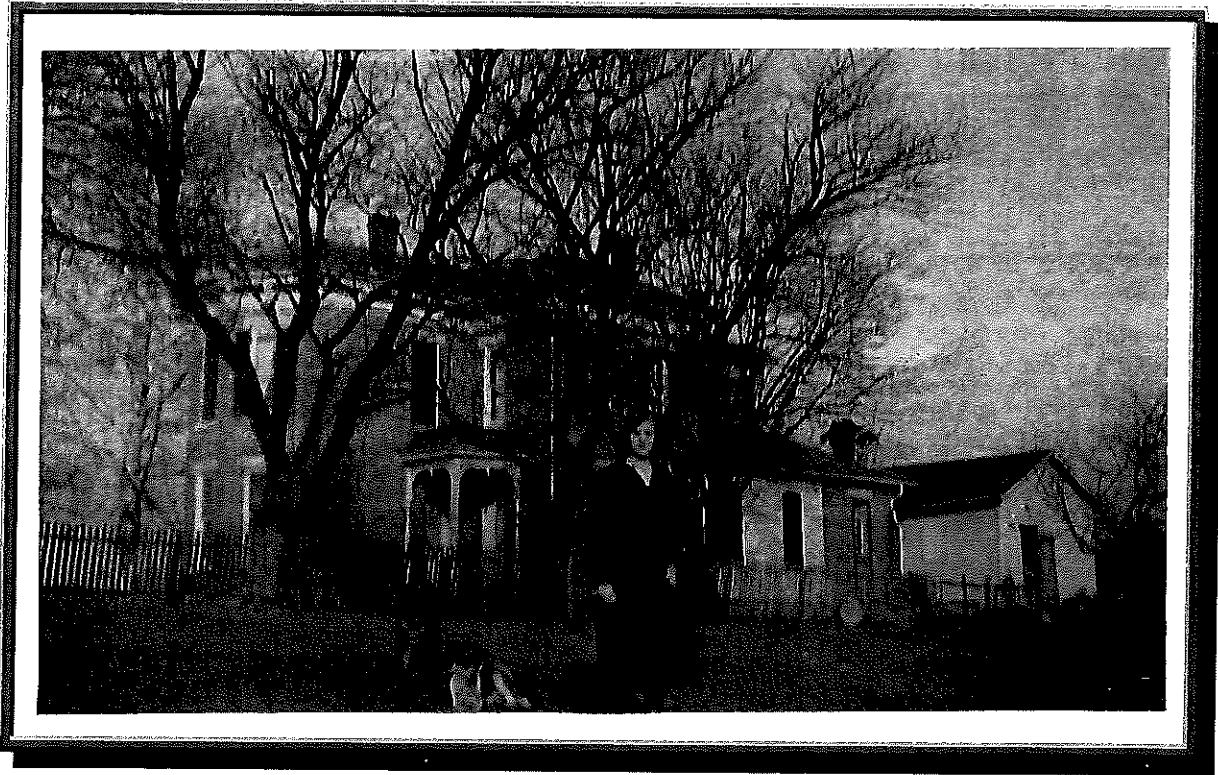
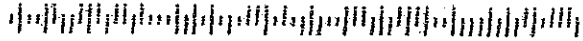
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Frantz farmhouse, circa 1920. In the photo is Edith Miller. Her parents rented the house from Mathias Heck who owned the Frantz farm at that time.
You can see this photo and others in the History Center archives.