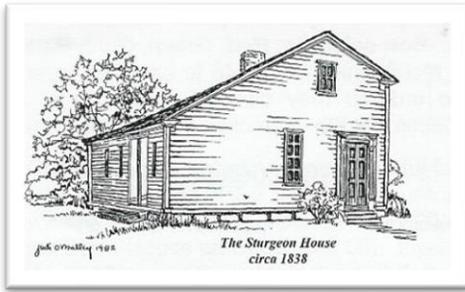


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Spring/Summer 2021

Greetings, Members and Friends,

It begins to look as though “normal” life will return in the near future. We are so fortunate to have members who have stayed with us through our inactivity. And during this last year+ we have been the recipient of several very nice donations... items that have true value and historic meaning to the community.

But we were not alone in this. All the museums and historical societies in the county – and all across the U.S. - dealt with these same issues. And we are all beginning to come back to life - some of us in a better state than others.

We feel that, as a small museum, we have survived in good condition. And that is clearly because you have supported us.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

FAHS Board

On Memorial Day Weekend we will be flying our flags, although the Sturgeon House will not be open. However, we are planning an activity that weekend, so please read a bit further...

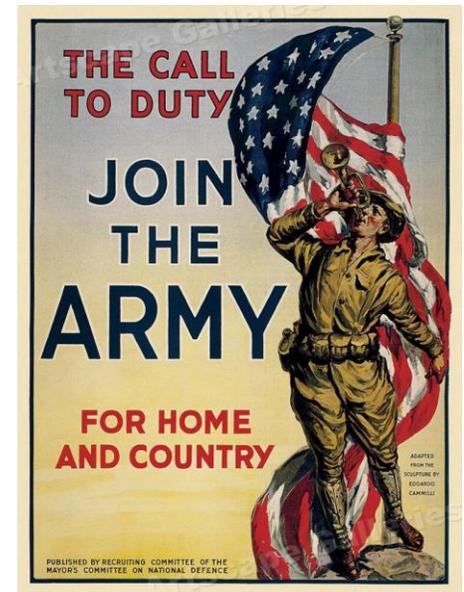
Summer Activities

On Saturday, May 29 of Memorial Day Weekend, we will offer a special program. Capitalizing on the fact that a new book will be offered on Erie County WWI veterans, we plan a walk through the Fairview Cemetery on Maple Avenue to visit the graves of several of them.

We will be visiting 12 graves that are located throughout the cemetery, so be prepared for some walking.

Wait a minute... a good many more veterans of that war are buried there, so how did we choose the ones we chose? Well, four of the men died in battle or in the time period designated as WWI. One other died shortly before we entered the war but was still considered to be a casualty. The remainder worked together to organize the American Legion in 1944 and are buried in the cemetery. Other WWI veterans were involved in establishing the Fairview Post of the American Legion also, but are buried elsewhere.

We will present short biographies about the man at each grave where we stop. (Anyone wishing to assist the tour guide is asked to call the Sturgeon House and leave a name and number.) *(continued)*



Summer Activities, *continued.*

The Fairview Cemetery provides a pleasant walk, and for those of you who take part in this activity and have never visited before, you will be pleased to discover this quiet, well-kept garden-like area.

We plan to offer the tour three times: at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and at 3 p.m. Each walk will take just over an hour. Because there may still be some restrictions on that date, (May 25) we will limit the number in each tour to about eight people.

Pre-registration is required for each tour.

To do so, call the Sturgeon House, 814-474-5855, and leave your name, phone number and tour time. Say it clearly, please, and repeat it. A rain date is scheduled for the following Saturday, June 5, at the same times. Those folks coming to the tours will gather beforehand at the Chapel, at the entrance to the cemetery.

The walks are free to participants. Just preregister.

Yard Sale

The second activity this summer will be a yard sale. We expect that folks will decide it's time to clear out the attic and garage and unload some of their treasures.

The cost for sellers will be \$5 to register for a site. If you need a table, each one will be an additional \$5.00 rental. You keep all the money you make on your items.

The date for this event will be Saturday, July 10. Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Set-up will begin at 7 a.m.



The Sturgeon House will be open to sellers for their convenience, and perhaps by then, to the public. While there will not be

a summer exhibit, the exhibit room (formerly known as the quilt room) has many items on view as well as a large exhibit case in which we will display photos of summer activities in Fairview Township, now and in the past.

Again, call the Sturgeon House, 814-474-5855, if you would like to rent some space to sell your items.

200 Club

This activity was conducted last year even at the worst of the pandemic, principally because it is conducted through the mail. It is one of our most important fundraisers and again this year, Jane Schwab will be in charge.

Each week for 12 weeks beginning on May 31, she will draw two names from among the signed/returned tickets. One will be worth \$25 and one will be for \$50. On August 18, at our summer membership picnic, which we have reserved again this year (again at the Avonia Beach Park), we will draw a good many more tickets (see the enclosed letter) plus the big prize, \$500.

Enclosed with this mailing are two tickets, \$25 each. If you chose to participate, please fill out one or both tickets and return it with your check. The return stub goes into our barrel to be plucked – or not. All tickets pulled in the weekly drawings will be returned to the barrel for the drawings at the picnic. Good luck to one and all!

FAHS FACTS

~FAHS is solvent. April's ending bank balance was \$23,105.90.

~So far renewals are at 73% with our combined individual, family and business memberships.

~We have two programs ready to go this fall when we expect to open our doors as normal.

~Our annual membership picnic at the Brugger House is "a go" on Wednesday, August 18, beginning at 6 p.m. Bring your table service and a dish to share.

New Book to be Available Soon

A small booklet, written by Robert Hayes, a long-time resident of Lake Shore subdivision, was offered to FAHS. Called "Lake Shore Memories," it is charming.

To accompany it the second half of the book is a history of Lake Shore, George Tayler, White Swan Dairy and the WS Civic Center. The cost is expected to be about \$15.00. It will be available by Memorial Day Weekend or shortly afterward. If anyone is interested in pre-ordering the book, it will be mailed free of charge.

Lake Shore was the township's first subdivision and over the years has seen a number of changes. The book will include many photos. If interested, call the Sturgeon House with your order. More information will be available as we get closer to publication. ▲