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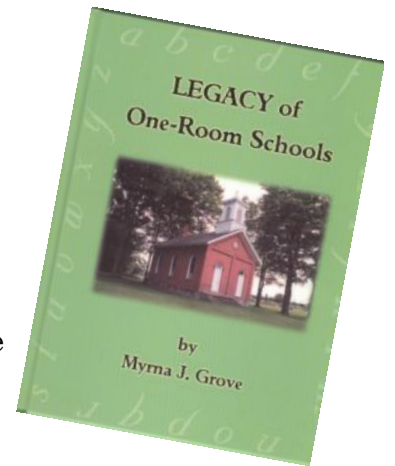
May 10, 2010



People & Events



Author and photographer, Myrna Grove has been an elementary teacher in Bryan, Ohio, since the 1970s. She often re-enacts the one-room school era with her students by taking them to a nearby restored school. With a strong interest in history and genealogy, she first studied locations of early schools in Williams County, Ohio. She then expanded her research to include the state of Ohio as well as other states in the former Northwest Territory. Her March presentation to our HCRTA chapter was well received.



Area Music and Drama Events, Spring/Summer 2010 - Tom Jenny

- Tuesday May 18 Napoleon M.S. band concert 7:00 p.m. J.L.J. Aud.
Monday May 24 Napoleon H.S. choir concert 7:00 p.m. J.L.J. Aud.
Thursday May 27 Napoleon M.S. spring arts festival & choir concert 7:00 p.m. J.L.J. Aud.
Monday May 31 Memorial Day--Napoleon Community Band at Florida Cemetery, 10:00 and at Napoleon American Legion at 11:00 a.m.
Thursday June 3 Defiance College Community Band Concert in the Park, Latty's Grove, Defiance, 7:00 pm
Monday June 7 Napoleon Community Band at Lutheran Home 7:00
Wednesday June 9,16,23,30 Bryan City Band Concert on the square in Bryan 8:00 pm
Monday June 14 Napoleon Community Band at Elks parking lot—Flag Day time TBA
Sunday June 27 Defiance Rube Band at Art in the Park Library Fort Grounds Defiance 1:45
Sunday July 4 Napoleon Community Band at Glenwood Park, 8:00 pm
Wednesday July 7,14,21,28 Bryan City Band Concert on the square in Bryan 8:00 pm
Wednesday August 4 Defiance Rube Band at Concert on the square in Bryan 8:00
Thursday August 5 Defiance Rube Band at Senior Center UAW Park Defiance 6:00

HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES - MARLENE JONES

March 8, 2010

President Charlie Griffith called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at the Oberhaus Shelter House in Napoleon. Fifty-three members and guests were in attendance. Joyce Doust Director of District 1 was introduced. Four new members have joined since our December meeting – Wayne Short, Margaret and Wendell Short and Don Bright. Members stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Becky Chamberlin conducted the HCRT Foundation meeting. The book grant applications will be evaluated using a rubric developed during the year. Becky asked for members interested in reading the book grant applications to see her.

Charlie welcomed members to Oberhaus Park where there will be sufficient space for the meetings this year. The dates and menus for the meetings are listed in the March *News to Share*. The 2010 leadership team was introduced:

- President – Charlie Griffith
- Vice President – Gene Grime
- Secretary – Marlene Jones
- Treasurer – Duane Ressler
- Chaplin – Bob Joseph

The HCRTA is experiencing a cash flow problem. Most members are life long members leaving only a few members paying annual local dues. The Board met and money has been moved from a CD to eliminate the financial problem. Charlie asked for ideas to eliminate this treasury problem.

Forms were placed at each table for members to sign their name to a committee and to report their volunteer hours. Committee chairpersons need new members to help do the work of their committee. At each table members also found a list of e-mail addresses. Charlie asked members to check their e-mail address for accuracy and to indicate if interested in receiving the *News to Share* on the internet. This will save the cost of printing so many copies of the newsletter.

Charlie gave a challenge for the year. He would like for the Henry County Retired Teachers Association to prepare a mission and a vision statement.

The courtesy chairpersons, Sandra Honemann and Nancy Hoover are reminding members to inform them when a card is needed for an ill member, a grieving member or someone celebrating a special occasion.

The secretary’s report for December was found in the *News to Share*. Bill Lytle moved to accept the report. Bonnie Eddy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The treasurer’s report was reviewed by Duane Ressler. The report was accepted for audit.

Vice President Gene Grime reported on programs for the year. Gene is working on finalizing some details. Programs dates, locations and the menus can be found in the *News to Share*.

Louisa Strock encouraged members to attend the life-long-

learning programs available at NW State College. Two spring programs will be offered. “Wigwams Along the River” will be an all day Seminar on March 26. Cost is \$5. The May 1-5 tour of “Richmond and Its Neighbors” has a few seats available. If anyone is interested in more information about the programs they should contact Louisa.

Under new business Doris Ruby announced the District 1 meeting on April 7th in Findlay. The cost is \$20. She would like to see at least ten members attend the meeting.

Gene Grime conducted the 50/50 drawing of \$19. Doris Ruby had the lucky ticket.

Bob Joseph offered prayer and a delicious lasagna luncheon was enjoyed.

Myrna Grove, a retired Williams County teacher and author was introduced as the program speaker. Myrna presented a power point program on the “Legacy of One-Room Schools.” She discussed how schools were built in the Northwest Territory and in each of the counties in the states to educate youth from ages 4-18. Her pictures showed the change in architecture during the years the schools were in use. Some schools have been restored and some have been refurbished for another use. At one time Myrna reported there were over 12,000 one-room schools in Ohio.

Joyce Doust District 1 Director encouraged members to attend the April 7 meeting in Findlay. She also reported that many counties are having the same cash flow problem our chapter is experiencing. Several counties are adding \$1 to the cost of the meals and some counties are asking members to pay dues annually to cover the costs.

Charlie thanked Bonnie Eddy for furnishing the tablecloths and flowers for the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Jones



From: ORTA Webmaster Deloris Ullmann [mailto:drudou@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2010 12:22 PM
To: webmaster@hcrtaonline.org
Subject: Good job

Hi,

Just checking through the websites linked to ORTA. Your website is very nice and should serve your people well. Keep up the good work! Deloris Ullmann, ORTA Webmaster.

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HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Duane Ressler, Treasurer

Monthly Report:

April

2010

Checking Account

Feb. 1	Balance brought forward		\$162.72
Feb. 28	Deposit-interest	.02	162.74
Mar. 7	Ck. 1132 Myra Grove-speaker	(\$50.00)	112.74
Mar. 8	Ck. 1133 City of Napoleon-facility use	(\$70.00)	42.74
Mar. 8	Deposit –meals & misc.	478	520.74
Mar. 8	Ck. 1134 Bavarian Catering-meals	(\$385.00)	135.74
Mar. 31	Deposit-interest HCB	.03	135.77
April 2	Deposit-transfer of funds from CD	700.00	835.77
April 14	Deposit-dues and 1 meal	49.00	884.77

Ending balance Checking Account

\$884.77

Certificates of Deposit

	First Federal Bank CD24		\$1,148.44
	Henry County Bank CD12		\$1,844.64
Jan. 2	Deposit interest	\$9.82	1854.46
April 2	Deposit interest	\$9.66	1864.12
April 5	Withdraw & transfer to checking	(\$700.00)	\$1164.12

GRAND TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS

\$ 3197.33

Fund Raising of HCRT FOUNDATION

The Foundation solicits, receives, and invests gifts of money and property of every kind and nature. Members are encouraged to promote memorial and honorary gifts to the Foundation. Gifts to the HCRT Foundation are tax deductible.

The HCRT Foundation is a 501C3 organization.

I would like to help a future teacher by donating to the Book Grant program of the Henry County Retired Teachers Foundation.

My preference is:

- Lois Griffith Book Grant
- Margaret & Lucille Sherman Book Grant
- Undesignated

Donation \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Gene Grime, HCRT Foundation Treasurer

A LOOK BACK - Faith Hurst

40 years ago:

Only three HCRTA meetings were held in 1970. There was no May meeting. Officers

were: Lorena Drewes — president, Cora Gisler, vice president, Dorothy Hartman, secretary, Mary Tate, corresponding secretary, and Lucille McComb, treasurer.

30 years ago:

39 HCRTA members met at the Christ United Methodist Church, Glenwood Ave. After the business meeting, Mr. Fran Seibert, chalk-talk artist from Defiance, presented the program.

25 years ago:

On May 13, 1985, 67 HCRTA members and guests met at 5:30 at the Holiday Inn.

Among the guests were Men' Farber (District I Director) and Jim Hoops.

10 years ago:

HCRTA met at the Bert G. Taylor American Legion for an evening dinner meeting. Local historian Peter Wilhelm presented a program on how different groups of immigrants helped to shape our Northwestern Ohio Community

5 years ago:

Our May 9 meeting was held at Four County Career Center with 32 members and guests

attending. The Four County students presented a delicious meal and Bill Spies, Director of Operations, gave a tour of the building. Becky Schindler reported on the rising cost of healthcare and the issue of mandatory social security, which would devastate our retirement system.

1 year ago:

On April 19, 2009, Myra Orthwein celebrated her 100th birthday. Ohio Lottery

Representative Al Baldwin spoke about the Ohio lottery at the May 11, 2009 meeting of

HCRTA. Gene Grime accepted a Chapter Community Service Award through the

National Retired Teachers Association and AARP for the Dictionary Project sponsored by the HCRTA and the county Lions Club.

THE CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING AT NORTHWEST STATE - LOUISA STROCK

Several Henry County Retired Teachers joined their counterparts from five other counties last week as they explored Richmond, Virginia, and the intriguing historic area surrounding that southern capital.

“Where will we go next time?” That’s a question planners love to hear as the passengers get ready to leave the big Blue Lakes coach rolling home into the Northwest State parking lot. Even if our answer is still just an idea floating in the sea of possibilities, we are happy! The question takes for granted that another trip is coming, and the “we” implies that the questioner plans to be part of the action, wherever it is.

Lifelong Learners, whether at home or on the road, want something to look forward to, and then to look back upon. The question could just as well have been,

“What will we learn next? Will Seminar Forty-Four have a totally new focus, or will it continue with an extended exploration of an earlier subject?” For now, one answer serves both groups: “Watch for your Fall Newsletter !”

Meanwhile, all history-loving Retired Teachers can gather their friends around for a group look or undertake a solo

study of American history through *The Great Courses: History of the United States*. Our national story is conveniently divided into thirty-minute class segments on two DVDs probably available at your own library –or ask Minerva Rivas at Northwest State. And if you think there’s nothing more anyone can tell you about The War Between the States, think again!

Speaking of Lifelong Learning, as we always are, of course, our Library Book Club has unanimously approved a non-fiction book that reads like a novel: *The Glass Castle*, by Jeannette Walls. It’s not a current best seller. Cooperating libraries are understandably reluctant to lend books to neighboring libraries when they have a waiting list of their own. But seven years ago it topped the charts, and if you haven’t read it, put it on your “What’s Next?” list. Give yourself something to look forward to!

COMMUNITY SERVICE - VOLUNTEER HOURS - Ton Jenny

There were 1401 hours of volunteer service turned in at the last meeting. We are off and running with service to our communities. I have set a goal of 11,000 hours of volunteer service for our organization. This is a modest increase over the total number of hours we had last year. There are still many who give service to their community, but don’t report their hours. Please contact Tom J. and get your hours listed. Many of our members volunteer in schools, hospitals, churches, musical and arts organizations, the Red Cross, nursing homes, community organizations, and our own HCRT. Be a part of our service to our community. We, as

former educators, have a lot to offer so please be on the lookout for ways to help.

A reminder, the hours we collect are general volunteering hours and tutoring hours. Take advantage of one of those simple ways to add your hours to HCRT’s total accumulation.

Contact Tom Jenny at **419-592-7588** (leave a message) or email at

cupmute@roadrunner.com

INFORMATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE - Duane Ressler, Chair

DIGITAL SAFETY AND SECURITY QUIZ

This is a short quiz to evaluate you online knowledge of potential harm that could affect you in the everyday use of your computer. Answers are at the bottom.

1. MALWARE can be defined as:
 - a. unbreakable, fashionable plates used by models during photo shoots.
 - b. computer software designed to direct shoppers to the best online shopping sites.
 - c. malicious software designed to steal personal information, send spam and commit fraud
2. What is the cybercrime known as phishing?
 - a. a scam where internet criminals send spam or pop-up messages to lure personal and financial information from unsuspecting victims.
 - b. an email bearing an attachment promising such things as free screensavers, music downloads or anything else that would entice the user to open it.
 - c. an email containing promotions and concert schedules for the band "PHISH"
3. At a minimum, your computer's security software should include:
 - a. antivirus software,
 - b. Firewall,
 - c. antispysware software
 - d. all of these
4. If your personal information is accidentally disclosed or deliberately stolen, there's nothing you can do to minimize the potential for identity theft.
 - a. TRUE
 - b. FALSE
5. How can you prevent most spam from being delivered to your email inbox?
 - a. when surfing the net, don't give out your email address or any other personal details unless you trust the source
 - b. avoid filling in questionnaires and pop-ups that appear on your screen.
 - c. start using separate email accounts for things like online newsletters and for posting messages on public forums.
 - d. all of the above

6. What is the Children's Online Privacy and Protection Act (COPPA)?
 - a. it prevents parents from learning which sites their children visit.
 - b. it gives parents control over what information websites can collect from kids.
 - c. it is a website dedicated to teaching children about their online rights
7. Which of these 4 factors should be least important when shopping online?
 - a. using a site you know and trust.
 - b. the website is running a Secure Socket Layer (SSL).
 - c. you are getting the best price online.
 - d. you are on a secure network-not at a library, café, airport or other hotspot.
8. Which of the following is a common form of fraud used on internet auction sites?
 - a. failure to send the merchandise,
 - b. failure to deliver in a timely manner,
 - c. "shill bidding" – fraudulent sellers use partners to drive up the price,
 - d. all of the above
9. After downloading a new smiley (emoticon) you get bothered with lots of pop-up ads. What might have happened?
 - a. friends want to tease you,
 - b. your spouse or children probably signed up for a new service,
 - c. you agreed to the end-user license agreements without reading through it.

Spyware has legally been added to your PC because you actually consented to have it installed.
10. Your family lives in Malinta. Your 12 year old son's name is Jon Smith Jr. The best screen name for him on MySpace is:
 - a. Jsmithjrmalinta,
 - b. Malintasmith,
 - c. puddinhead

HERE ARE YOUR CORRECT ANSWERS.
 1)c 2)a 3)d 4)b 5)d 6)b 7)c 8)d 9)c 10)c

Protect yourself and those around you. If you missed any of these, check online, possibly with your internet provider, for more information.

2010 Programs

May 10 th	(5:30 pm)	United Way	November 8th	(11:30)	Karen Butt, President-Elect of ORTA
July 12 th	(5:30 pm)	Northwest State Community College	December 13th	(11:30)	
September 13 th	(5:30 pm)	Dick Epstein, Better Business Bureau			Undecided at this point



We have lost a friend
Hildegarde Scholl

How do I know it's spring? - Bonnie Eddy

How do I know it's spring? When I go outside I can hear the birds singing and scolding. We have a chocolate vine over the lattice cover over our deck and the birds love to build their nests there. This year, a robin has a nest and she scolds me every time I go on the deck.

My favorite bird is the hummingbird. Most live in equatorial South American; of the 320 reported species, only twelve breed in North America. The Ruby-throated Hummingbird is the only hummingbird that lives in Ohio and is the smallest North American bird. The migration pattern is from southern Canada to the Gulf of Mexico - 500 miles nonstop. Hummingbirds can feed on tubular flowers because of their long beak.



invading the feeder. Petroleum jelly on the openings will also keep flying insects away. A fine spray with a garden hose will temporarily prevent invasion and the hummingbirds love to fly in and out of the spray. Placing the feeders close to the house gives us a birds-eye view of them. Initially placing red plastic flowers will guide them there.

We can grow many flowering plants in our garden that will attract hummingbirds. Flowers provide nectar and attract the tiny insects and spiders that are part of the hummingbird's diet. It is best to plant flowers in clusters rather than scattering them.

The first plant that comes to mind is the butterfly bush (Buddleia) that comes in many

colors. They grow best in alkaline soil and will tolerate drought conditions once they are established. Until then, they need lots of water during the hot summer months. Once established, watering only once a month works. They need a minimum of eight hours of direct sunlight every day. To prune them, I have the best results in waiting until late April and then cut back the dead stalks. You should see new growth beginning.

They get their name from the sound made from the rapid wing beat. They feed while hovering motionless and can also move in any direction. I still remember when a hummingbird decided to take a bath in the water I had sprayed on a hosta with a cup shaped leaf. I heard it coming as I was spraying the hosta bed. I didn't move a muscle and watched it in awesome wonder until it flew it away. Another wonderful experience was finding an empty nest - just a half dollar in size. Usually there are two eggs the size of a small bean. The mother incubates them 15-19 days. New babies are featherless. The mother feeds them about 25 days before they leave the nest. Most hummingbirds have two broods a season.

Other plants on my long list include astilbe, bee balm, bleeding heart, canna, cardinal flower, cleome, columbine, coral bells, delphinium/larkspur, four o'clock, geranium, hollyhock, impatiens, lilies, Mexican sunflower, milkweed, mints, nasturtiums, obedient plant, foxglove, pentas, petunias, phlox, sage, salvia, and zinnia. How many of these do you already have?

These birds like to come to special feeders with sugar water - one part white sugar dissolved in four parts boiling water. Cool the mixture and store the unused in the refrigerator. Daily fill the feeders and take them down in four to five days. Clean thoroughly to prevent mold. The experts tell us not to use honey, a medium for a fungus that can infect the bird's tongue. Apply salad oil or petroleum jelly on the wire to prevent insects

If Charlie permits, I can tell you that you can purchase many of these at the Eddy's annual plant sale Memorial Day weekend. No need to buy anything, just come and visit and tour the gardens that the hummingbirds visit each year.

B O N N I E ' S B I R T H D A Y L I S T

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	
1 - Vernon Hesterman	2 - Jack Ritter	3 - Duane Ressler	28 - Sally Babcock
1 - Shirlee Mires - Tejes	4 - George Haase	4 - Bill Lytle	31 - Ruth Johnson
6 - Cheryl Ritchey	8 - Larry Gerken	4 - Treva Stevens	
6 - Kay Rohrs	14 - Audrey Eis	4 - Lawrence Zachrich	
7 - Janet Saneholtz	21 - Margaret Mueller	8 - Dale Schubert	
14 - Jim Kieffer	23 - Diana Lily	10 - Margaret Austermilller	
15 - Barbara George	-	15 - Judy Rand	
16 - Larry Lyne		15 - Gary Ritchey	
17 - Tom Lammers		17 - Kae Gerken	
18 - Neil Flick		19 - Nancy Schink	
20 - Carol Leonard		24 - Rosalie Ashenfelter	
23 - Charles Hemsoth		25 - Mike Burke	
26 - Ken Neuenschwander		27 - Carolyn Plassman	

A FEW NOTES OF CHEER WILL BE APPRECIATED !

- ☺ Golda Bover, Lutheran Home, 1036 S. Perry, Napoleon, Oh 43545
- ☺ Earlene Durr, % Karen Maassel, 14-620 Co. Rd. D, New Bavaria, Oh 43548
- ☺ Barb Hoffman, 15-926 Co. Rd. D-1, Holgate, Oh. 43527
- ☺ Elizabeth Boomgarden, The Lutheran Home, 1036 S. Perry, Napoleon, Oh. 43545
- ☺ Martha Alspaugh, 140 N. East St., McClure, Oh 43534
- ☺ Lucille Meyer, Box 74, Ridgeville Corners, Oh, 43555
- ☺ Bernadine Krugh, 323 Maple St., Liberty Center, Ohio 43532
- ☺ Don Freeman, 955 Lynne Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio 43545
- ☺ Margaret Austermiller, Winter Growth, 18110 Prince Philip Drive, Olney, Md 20832
- ☺ Myra Orthwein, 9 041 Co. Rd. L, Malinta, OH 43535
- ☺ Barbara Schneble, 415 N. Oak Street, Deshler, Ohio 43512
- ☺ Betty Miller, 20-394 Co. Rd. S, Defiance, Ohio 43512
- ☺ Helen Heckler, Lutheran Home, 1036 S. Perry, Napoleon, Oh 43545



2010 Menus

July 12th 5:30 pm

Menu to be announced. NSCC Meeting
September 13th 5:30 pm
 Roast Beef
 Carrots
 Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
 Tossed Salad
 Fruit Cobbler

November 8th 11:30 am

Chicken Breast
 Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
 Corn
 Tossed Salad
 Fruit Cup

December 13th 11:30 am

Ham
 Au Gratin Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Tossed Salad Brownie Sunday
Coffee, Tea and Milk

**MEAL PRICE
 \$ 9.00**

will be available at all meals

"Tid-Bit of Humor"

Mary Lou Mengerink

Count all the ones that you remember not the ones you were told about.

1. Blackjack chewing gum
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water
3. Candy cigarettes
4. Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles
5. Coffee shops or diners with tableside juke boxes
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
7. Party lines on the telephone
8. Newsreels before the movie
9. P.F. Flyers
10. Butch wax
11. TV test patterns that came on at night after the last show.
12. Peashooters
13. Howdy Doody
14. 45 RPM records

15. S & H Green Stamps
16. Hi-if's
17. Metal ice trays with lever
18. Mimeograph paper
19. Blue flashbulb
20. Packards
21. Roller skate keys
22. Cork popguns
23. Drive-in movies - Drive-in restaurants
24. Studebakers
25. Wash tub wringers

Ratings

If you remembered 0-5 = You're still young
 If you remembered 6-10 = You are getting older
 If you remembered 11-15 = Don't tell your age,
 If you remembered 16-25 = You' re older than dirt!

Henry County
Retired Teachers Association

Doris Ruby,
16-022 State Route 424
Napoleon, Ohio 43545

QUIZ MASTER - Jim Kieffer

1. What U.S. president appeared in the "orphan Annie" musical _____
2. The first high priest of the hebrews. _____ 5
3. What is the only state in the U.S. 48 not divided into counties _____ 8
4. Rintintin of movies was what breed of dog _____ 8
5. Old-time band leader 1891-1943 whose band was called "all the lads" 3 6
6. Maggie and Brick are characters in what 1958 movie - 6 words in title_
7. American novelist 1932-2009 author of famous 'Rabbit' series j _____ 6
8. First woman member of U.S. supreme court 6 3 ___
9. "a chicken n every pot' was what U.S. president's slogan 7 6
10. Who hit sixty-one home runs in 1961 n the major leagues r _____ 5
11. Disney film that takes place inside a computer 4
12. American financier 1870-1965 advised presidents from Wilson to Kennedy b _____ 6
13. What American labor leader mysteriously disappeared n 1975 j _____ \$
14. Head doctor at TV. Fictional "Princeton-Plainsboro hospital 0 5
15. What California mill became famous in the 1848 gold rush 7
16. What is singer "Marvin Lee Aday's" stage name 4
17. Old time actor who played "Thurston Howell hi" on "Gilligan's island" j _____ 6
18. What actor has the longest career counting born stage and screen 6 6
19. The "hot stove" is a term related to what sport _____
20. American novelist and playwright 1885-1968 wrote tee 1926 novel "showboat" e _____ 6

JIM'S ANSWERS

1. FDR
2. AARON
3. LOUISIANA
4. GERMAN SHEPHERD
5. BEN BERNIE
6. CATONAHOT[]NROOF
7. JOHN UPDIKE
8. SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR
9. HERBERT HOOVER
10. ROGERMARRIS
11. TRON
12. BERNARD BARUCH
13. JIMMY HOFFA
14. GREGORY HOUSE
15. STIFFERS