

The 175th Anniversary Schedule for Wapakoneta

- January 20, 1:30 p.m. Opening Ceremony, *Auglaize County Courthouse*, with the Village of New Bremen, FREE
- January 22, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Debut of Commemorative Postmark, *Wapakoneta Post Office*, FREE
- January 22, Noon Ringing of Church Bells, *throughout the community*
- February 4, 6 p.m. Presentation by Nina Parker, “Freedom Bound.” *Auglaize County Public District Library*, FREE
This event is made possible through the generosity of the Wapakoneta Woman’s Club and Skip Brodie.
- February 25 through March 14 Lost Wapakoneta exhibit, *Auglaize County Public District Library*, FREE
- March 10, 6 p.m. Wapakoneta Stories by local folklorist Jim Bowsler, *Auglaize County Library*, FREE
This event is made possible through the generosity of Skip Brodie.
- March 30, 1 to 5 p.m. The Sacred Art and Architecture of Wapakoneta, *churches throughout the community*, FREE
Visit Wapakoneta’s churches for artistic inspiration. View the stained glass, statuary, and other art that shape these places of worship. This event is organized and sponsored by the Auglaize County Historical Society.
- April 6, 2 p.m. Lecture by Mike Lackey, *Wapakoneta City Hall*, FREE
“Great Expectations: The Baseball Career of Bob Ewing, Spitball Pitcher”
- April 13, 2 p.m. “An Afternoon of Story and Song” by Wapakoneta’s own crooning historian, Vern Doenges,
First English Lutheran Church, a free will offering accepted for the benefit of the 175th
- April 20, 2 p.m. “Never Far from Home,” a lecture by Barbara Schumann Given, *Wapakoneta City Hall*, FREE
An inductee to the Wapakoneta High School Hall of Fame, Dr. Given is a professor and senior scientist at Michigan State University. She will speak about how growing up here influenced her study of family caregiving.
- April 21, 6 to 8 p.m. Appearance by Wapakoneta author Amber Metz, *Auglaize County Library*, FREE
Learn more about Amber’s struggle and ultimate success over cystic fibrosis, chronicled in her book *Breathtaking*.
- April 24, 6 p.m. Appearance by Wapakoneta native, author and illustrator Linda M. Brandt
Auglaize County Library, FREE
- May 12, 6 p.m. Lecture by novelist Jim Baumgardner, *Auglaize County Library*, FREE
The author of the Sarah series—*Sarah’s Wish*, *Sarah’s Promise*, and *Sarah’s Escape*—will speak about these works of historical fiction set in our very own Wapakoneta, in the years 1858-60. The author’s great-great-grandfather, John Baumgardner, lived in Wapakoneta during the mid-19th century.
- May 12-May 17 Exhibit: Life in 1833, *Auglaize County Library*, FREE
- May 15, 7 p.m. Lecture by Tom Crouch (to celebrate the opening of *Heroes of the Sky*),
Armstrong Air and Space Museum, FREE
A native of Dayton, Crouch is Senior Curator of Aeronautics of the National Air and Space Museum for the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. A prolific writer, Crouch is author of *First Flight: The Wright Brothers and the Invention of the Airplane*.
- May 16-August 15 Exhibit: “Heroes of the Sky: Adventures in Early Flight, 1903-1939”
Wapakoneta Area Chamber of Commerce, FREE
Curated by the National Endowment for the Humanities, this traveling exhibit celebrates the inventors, entrepreneurs, and adventurers of early flight. Major funding for the exhibit has been provided by Home Savings Bank, with additional support from Minster Bank. People power has been provided by the Kiwanis and Sertoma organizations. The exhibit will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m.
- May 16, 7-9 p.m. Opening Reception for “Heroes of the Sky,” *Wapakoneta Area Chamber of Commerce*, FREE
Join us for refreshments, fellowship, and a first look at the traveling exhibit.
- May 19, 6:00 p.m. Book Discussion, *First Man* (about Neil Armstrong), *Auglaize County Library*, FREE
The event will include a free tour of the Armstrong Museum after the discussion. Call the library, 738-2921, for more information about this or any other book discussion.

May 20, 7:30 p.m. Musical Presentation, "Wapakoneta and Ohio History and Celebration through Music," by Hank Arbaugh, *St. Paul United Church of Christ*, FREE
Professional musician Hank Arbaugh comes to us from Columbus. He will tell the story of Wapakoneta and Ohio through traditional and popular music from history. This event is sponsored by Downtown Wapakoneta Partnership and supported by the Ohio Humanities Council.

June 16-28 Our Family in Wapakoneta: A Photography Exhibit, *Auglaize County Library*, FREE
Wapakoneta would be nothing without the families who live here. Residents and guests are invited to view fascinating family photographs that span more than a century, many taken in front of a Wapakoneta building or at a Wapakoneta event. The library will exhibit the images during regular summer hours. Monday and Thursday, 10-8; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10-6; Friday, 10-5; Saturday, 10-1.

June 16, 6:30 p.m. Book Discussion, *Panther in the Sky* (about Tecumseh), *Auglaize County Library*, FREE

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES BACK FOR OUR BIG HOMECOMING WEEKEND OF SMALL TOWN FUN!

June 19, 7:30 p.m. Organ Recital by Steve Fischer, *St. Joseph Catholic Church*, free will offering accepted; reception to follow concert

Wapakoneta native Steve Fischer received his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, and his Master of Music degree in organ performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music. He now lives, works, and studies in Oklahoma. This event is co-sponsored by St. Joseph Catholic Church.

June 20, 3:30 p.m. Dedication of Ohio Historical Society Marker, *East Auglaize Street*, FREE
This marker commemorates the arrival of the Dayton & Michian Railroad in Wapakoneta.

June 20, 7:30 p.m. Concert in the Park with the Lima Area Concert Band, *Harmon Park Gazebo*, FREE
This event is sponsored by the Rotary Club.

June 21, 2 p.m. 175th Anniversary Parade. *Auglaize Street from the Fairgrounds to Downtown*, FREE
The Anniversary Parade—one of the best in Wapakoneta history—is organized by the 175th Anniversary Committee. Major funding has been provided by the *Wapakoneta Daily News*, with additional support from the Wapakoneta Area Chamber of Commerce.

June 21, after the parade until dark Entertainment, *behind downtown*, FREE
Join us for food, strolling performers, and live music—from barbershop to bluegrass to hits from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. At dusk we'll enjoy a first in Wapakoneta entertainment history, right on the banks of the Auglaize River.

June 22, Lunch A Very Large Community Potluck
In & Around the Commercial Building at the Auglaize County Fairgrounds, FREE
Bring your own service (only re-useables, please; no throwaways!) and a family favorite to share with other Wapakoneta residents. The Anniversary Committee will supply brats and dogs for you meat eaters. We'll share food and fellowship while attempting to break the Guinness Book of Records for largest community potluck. Bring balls, bats, gloves, or other sports equipment for an after-lunch game. Enjoy a relaxing end to homecoming weekend. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with lunch at 12:15 p.m. Call Deb Zvez, 738-1250, for more details.

July 5 Opening of the Wapakoneta Water Park, *Hamilton Road at Harrison Street*
Wapakoneta's 1937, WPA-constructed swimming pool has been made new again. Join us for the dedication of the new WaterPark and stay for a swim afterward!

July 21, 6:30 p.m. Book Discussion, *The Center of a Great Empire* (about Ohio), *Auglaize County Library*, FREE

Fair Week & the Month After Traveling Exhibit: "Made in New Bremen, Made in Wapakoneta," various sites

August 17, all day Dudley Nichols Film Festival, *The Historic Wagon Theater*, FREE
Join us in celebrating the accomplishments of this native son, the first person to *refuse* an Academy Award. We'll screen some of his best-known films, including *Stagecoach*, *Bringing Up Bdy*, & the Oscar-winning *The Informer*.

August 18, 6:30 p.m. Book Discussion, *The Frontiersmen, Auglaize County Library*, FREE

Last Two Saturdays of August Heritage Gardening Competitions, sponsored by Roots & Shoots Garden Club, FREE
Plan now to enter your heirloom tomato (any variety known to have existed before 1940) in the club's heirloom contest. Categories include Most Beautiful, Biggest, and Tastiest. Call Jim Kohler, 738-3357, for more details. Or submit a photograph and story about an heirloom flower or perennial already in your garden. Tell us how it came

from grandma's garden or the family woods. We'll reprint the best photographs and stories each month. Please submit the needed information to anniversary chair Rachel Barber, 401 West Auglaize Street, Wapakoneta.

September 21, afternoon Harvest Festival, *Auglaize County Fairgrounds*, FREE
This event is sponsored by the First United Methodist Church, which also celebrates its 175th in 2008.

October 4 and 5 Cemetery Walk, *Evergreen Cemetery*, sponsored by the Auglaize County Historical Society
Costumed interpreters will share the stories of Wapakoneta's pioneer settlers, many of whom are buried in Evergreen Cemetery. A free will offering will be accepted.

October 10, Noon The 90s Lunch, *St. Paul United Church of Christ*
The Anniversary Committee will honor all current and former residents who have reached the age of 90 or above, and those who will become 90 by December 31. Please join us for lunch and fellowship. To make reservations, call Rachel Barber, 738-4924.

October 13, 7 p.m. Concert by Wapakoneta native Caitly Acconcia, *Wapakoneta Middle School*, FREE
Caitlin Acconcia is a 2004 graduate of Wapakoneta High School, after which she studied musical theatre at Point Park University, Pittsburgh. She is currently performing at Kings Island's *Ghouls Gone Wild* as well as at Walt Disney World, Orlando.

October 20, 7:30 p.m. Lecture by Ann Bowers, Bowling Green State University, *St. Paul United Church of Christ*, FREE
"White-Gloved Feminists: Women's Clubs in Ohio, 1880-1920."
This event is sponsored by the Irving & Helen Hunt Clubs and supported by the Ohio Humanities Council.

November 3 40th Anniversary of the Auglaize County Public District Library, *Auglaize County Library*

November 6 Lecture by Randall Buchanan, Defiance College, *St. Joseph Parish Life Center*, FREE
"The Sorrowful Journey: The Departure of the Wapakoneta Shawnee"
This event is sponsored by the Auglaize County Historical Society and is supported by the Ohio Humanities Council.

November 8 Dedication of the Ohio Historical Society Marker, 308 West Auglaize Street, FREE
This marker commemorates the Shannon Stock Company, a traveling theatre group based in Wapakoneta from 1913 through the Great Depression.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Celebration of the community's first baby of its 175th year, Alexis Steinke (January 2008).

Weekly newspaper column, 100 Words On... (which gave brief biographies of many from Wapakoneta. The column ran from January through December 2008.)

Series of six postcards with historic images, coinciding with major events. Collect them all!

Quarterly newspaper supplement, on education, architecture, downtown, and industry.

The Book of Wapakoneta, which debuted in December 2009.

Six four-color marker, to be installed around the community in 2010, commemorating various aspects of Wapakoneta history.

An outdoor mural highlighting the history of downtown, to be installed at the east entrance to the central business district.

USING ANNIVERSARIES TO STRENGTHEN YOUR ORGANIZATION

OLHA—Region 7 Meeting
MARCH 16, 2013

What anniversaries do we, as organizations involved in history, help commemorate?

Civil War 150

War of 1812

Great Flood of 1913

Apollo 11/First Walk on the Moon

community, church, organization, building

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Are any anniversaries off limits?

What about the type of commemoration?

Why are anniversaries important to us as organizations and to the people we serve?

Urgency

Focus

Punctuation Marks

How can the commemorating anniversaries strengthen historical societies?

Interest

Partners

Members

Resources

The Stone Soup Analogy

Examples from the panel and the audience

Successes and failures

Challenges

Surprises

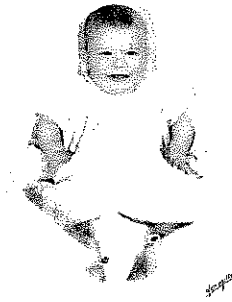
Guess Who I Am: Name That IC Baby, Version 1962

Write the letter of the photograph next to the name of the 1962 baby you believe it pictures.

The person who correctly identifies the most babies will receive a great prize!



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___ David Brown

___ Jed Fullenkamp

___ Frank George

___ Susan Lukey

___ Cheryl McCullough

___ Kathy Oakman

___ Thomas Schwartz

___ Jed Tobias

___ Rick Maurer

(born in 61, but he missed last year's contest)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO IC AND THIS YEAR'S MILESTONE BABIES!

YOUR NAME _____ PHONE _____