

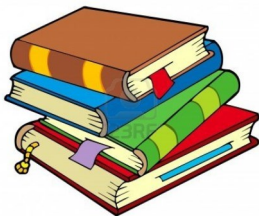


Anna District  
*Historical Society*  
Anna • Kettlersville • McCartyville

# Skipping Village Gazette

## New Display at the Packer Historical Center

The Packer Center has reopened with a new display of artifacts and pictures featuring the Anna Local Schools, including the old McCartyville and Kettlersville buildings. Visitors will be able to see exhibits and memorabilia from band to prom to sports teams to an early 1900's graduation dress and an original teacher's desk. Many class pictures from all three buildings are on display as well. Please come and check it out!



Welcome to our newest ADHS members...

*Cheryl Braun and Sandy Wilt*

## Skipping Village Gazette

Welcome to the first edition of the Anna District Historical Society's newsletter! We are planning to share our news with the Anna Local School District residents four times a year. The name "*Skipping Village Gazette*" was chosen by our group to honor Anna's most famous resident, author Lois Lenski. Her book, *Skipping Village*, written in 1927 was an autobiographical children's book based on her memories of growing up in Anna.

When Lois Lenski's father R.C.H. Lenski became the pastor of the St. Jacob Lutheran Church in 1899, Lois began her life as a young child in Anna. She lived in Anna at the Lutheran parsonage from the age of six until she left to attend The Ohio State University at age eighteen. Lois Lenski was a world recognized pioneer in the development of children's literature and is best known for winning the Newbery Medal in 1946 for her book, *Strawberry Girl*. The Newbery Medal is awarded every year for the most outstanding book for children.

# New Village Signs

New signs honoring one of Anna's most famous residents, Lois Lenski, have recently been installed at each of the welcome signs to the village of Anna. The signs commemorate Ms. Lenski's contributions to the world of children's literature. The signs honoring the Newbery Medal winning author of "Strawberry Girl" are a wonderful addition to the village welcome signs. Funding for the signage was received from the Anna Community Foundation.



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## HELP US PRESERVE OUR HISTORY

Please consider becoming a member of the Anna District Historical Society.

Name of member \_\_\_\_\_

Name of spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Children under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Single Membership - \$20 yearly \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership - \$25 yearly \_\_\_\_\_

Lifetime Membership - \$500 \_\_\_\_\_

Leveled Monthly Membership \_\_\_\_\_

(minimum of \$10 monthly; please contact Randy Wentz if interested at 419.234.7660)

Mail to: ANNA DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 133, Anna, OH 45302

The ADHS is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, and your donation may be tax deductible.

# Packer Center Receives National Award!

The Packer Historical Center recently received national recognition for the porch reconstruction project by winning a top award at the national convention of the Cast Concrete Manufacturers Institute. Our project was submitted by Craig Lyons, the manufacturing representative of Custom Cast Concrete Company of Westfield, Indiana. Mr. Lyons worked closely with Randy Wentz of the ADHS in reconstruction of the original concrete pillars, balustrades, and other concrete fixtures on the porch. An additional thank you goes out to Dave Pence for taking the photographs used in the submission.



## Lift Now Available for Use

The installation of the ADA compliant wheelchair lift at the rear of the porch at the Packer Historical Center is completed and fully operational. The purchase and installation of the lift was made possible with the assistance of the Community Foundation and other donors. This is another step in making our facility welcoming to those with disabilities.



Below l-r: Carol Carity, Craig Lyons, Randy Wentz



## Fun Fact...

Back in the day, band concerts were one means by which the merchants of smaller communities like Anna used to draw trade to their villages in the early days. For this reason, there were several flourishing bands in the county at different times. One such early band from Anna led a section of a big parade in Sidney on July 4, 1881 to commemorate the laying of the cornerstone of the Shelby County Court House.

ADHS Holiday Fundraiser - Shirley's Popcorn Sale - Watch for details on ordering!!

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## Foundation Repair

Before winter we hope to replace the foundation at the northwest corner of the Packer Historical Center. At the same time, a cistern at the rear of the property will be back-filled for safety reasons.



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Carol Wentz, *Secretary*

## Out of the past...



This McCartyville creamery was located on the southwest corner of SR 119 and SR 29.

## HOW CAN I HELP?

- BECOME AN ADHS MEMBER - Membership dues help us pay our operating cost and support the society's work.
- ASSIST WITH BUILDING MAINTENANCE, ETC.
- ASSIST BY VOLUNTEERING TO WORK A 2-3 HOUR SHIFT AT THE MUSEUM.

### New Hours for the Packer Historical Center

Beginning September 2020 - Sundays 1-4pm and Thursdays 6-8pm