

# Genealogical society learns of Wright Bros. history

Staff report

The Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society held its meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 18 at the Marysville Public Library meeting Room A.

President Leona Gustafson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She announced that the secretary's and treasurer's reports were on the table if anyone wished to look at them.

The next meeting will be the chapter's annual Pioneer Banquet with Steve Ball at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City on Tuesday, May 19. Reservations are needed by Tuesday, May 12. Everyone is invited.

Nancy Katzenbach, chapter librarian, is available to help with genealogy at the library on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Marie Bouic, Leona and Dave Gustafson are also available to help on Tuesday when they are available.

Member John Hoskins is being inducted in the Central Ohio Senior Hall of Fame on Wednesday, May 20 at the Martin Janis Center in Columbus. The ceremony is free to all and includes lunch and entertainment. Members especially are encouraged to attend.

On Saturday, May 16, there will be a walk through at the Oakdale Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. with Holly Underwood through the Historical Society.

Gustafson then introduced the speaker, Louis Chmiel, author of "Ohio Home of the Wright Brothers, Birthplace of the Wright Brothers — Birthplace of Aviation." The Genealogical Chronicle of the Ohio Pioneer Family and the Invention

of the Airplane 1776-1948.

Chmiel's 570-page book chronicles 170 years of early Ohio history and how the Wright Brothers family were deeply rooted in the early formation of the state. The website for the book has some chapters available to read, and the book can be purchased online, or it can be borrowed from a library. One of the members mentioned it reads like a novel.

Six different family lines came into the Northwest Territory with the Van Cleve family leaving Pennsylvania on Christmas Eve 1789 by boat down the Ohio River through Marietta and arrived in Cincinnati on Jan. 2, 1790. The family stayed in Cincinnati for six years and were one of the first settlers to arrive in Dayton.

The Wright family came to Ohio in 1814 and settled in Centerville, Ohio near Dayton. Two of the Van Cleves married into the Wright family. Orville and Wilbur's father, Milton, was born in Indiana in 1821. Their father was a prolific genealogist and Orville made six handmade books of his father's collection that can still be looked at the Dayton Public Library. The brothers had two older brothers, Reuchlin and Lorin, and a younger sister, Katharine.

Wilbur was born in 1867 and died at age of 43 in 1912. Orville was born in 1869 and died at the age of 83 in 1948. Their father was a Bishop in the church and they moved around, living in Indiana and Iowa. The brothers had a bicycle shop where they came up with the flying machine. Their first flight was 115 feet.

In 1904, they got



Louis Chmiel

up to 5 miles and flew in circles at Huffman Prairie, now Wright Patterson Air Force Base. In 1905 they flew for 38 minutes and flew 24 miles in the air at the Huffman Prairie. The brothers relied on their sister, Katharine to keep them organized and where they should be. Their original 1905 Wright Flyer III is at the Carillon Park in Dayton, Ohio.

Chmiel used the Bishop's diaries for much of his research for the book and followed their genealogy lines for research for his book. He shared pictures and gave the chapter a deeper look into the family. He answered questions and everyone enjoyed learning how the Wright Brothers family were involved in our early Ohio History.

Those enjoying the presentation were: Dave and Leona Gustafson, Bill Thompson, Sara Halley, Marie Bouic, Nancy Katzenbach, Eva F. Schooley, Lynn Baldwin, Joan Griffin, Brian Wade, Marty Scott, Nina Lee Hampton, Larry and Diane Baird, Liz Neds, Marianne Senecal, Alan Mayberry, Lisa Mayberry, Barry Reese, Steve Stolte, Jim and Lois Dale, Debra A. Jeffers, and Robert Hamilton.

Submitted by Marie Bouic, the recording secretary for the Union County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society.

## Hope

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treatable and yet because of the stigma associated with it, less than 25 percent of people with diagnosable depression receive treatment. We need to turn the conversation to provide solutions and hope for children and adults who silently suffer from the disease."

According to a report by the World Health Organization, suicide is a treatable, preventable mental health disorder. And yet, because it is not significantly addressed, more than 800,000 lives are lost annually. It is the second leading cause of death globally for youth ages 15-29, and is estimated to cost the United States

alone over \$100 billion every year.

"Like so many other treatable medical conditions, support from family, friends and community can make all the difference to an individual fighting for a healthy life," said Dr. Elizabeth Lombardo, psychologist, physical therapist and author of "Better than Perfect: 7 Strategies to Crush Your Inner Critic and Create a Life You Love."

"We can all play a significant role in guiding our friends and loved ones to find and maintain hope by helping to address stress effectively, showing kindness and gratitude to one another and by stopping the unending search for perfection. Hope is a teachable skill and we all have the power to help someone close

to us find purpose and positivity in life."

There are many ways to participate in Global Day of Hope:

**Plant Sunflowers:** Plant one, plant a garden, get friends and community involved and celebrate HOPE together.

**Wear Yellow:** Yellow is the color of the joy and happiness we feel when depression is successfully treated.

**Share and Shine a Light:** Post, tweet, or share a photo on social media. Shine your light of hope with the hashtags #HOPE2015 and #PLANTHOPE.

For more information, call the London MHS office at 740-852-6256.

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## Preschool

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through gestures, body language and expressive facial expressions.

They had the children's attention the entire time.

At one point during the play, one of the characters shares boxes filled with cereal with close members of the juvenile audience. They enthusiastically shake

them when prompted by the actor.

Anna Harpold, assistant to the director of the child center, said the show was very good for the children.

"They were mesmerized by the live action," Harpold said. She said the fact they used no dialog was a good feature.

The play engaged the children who have trouble with focus and attention.

The show cost \$500

to put on and was funded by fundraising through the parents.

"The parents jumped on board," Harpold said.

Speaking for the troupe, Bailey said the show has been well received since it was debuted in February. It's the 10th time it's been presented since that time.

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## Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast									
Thu 4/30	Fri 5/1	Sat 5/2	Sun 5/3	Mon 5/4					
<b>64/46</b>	<b>57/44</b>	<b>67/46</b>	<b>69/49</b>	<b>72/55</b>					
Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High 64F.	Showers possible. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 40s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 50s.					
Sunrise 6:36 AM Sunset 8:25 PM	Sunrise 6:35 AM Sunset 8:26 PM	Sunrise 6:34 AM Sunset 8:27 PM	Sunrise 6:32 AM Sunset 8:28 PM	Sunrise 6:31 AM Sunset 8:29 PM					

## Ohio At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Akron	64	44	mst sunny	Columbus	66	48	mst sunny	Marion	63	45	pt sunny
Alliance	65	44	mst sunny	Coshocton	67	45	mst sunny	Mt. Vernon	65	46	mst sunny
Ashtabula	57	43	mst sunny	Defiance	64	44	cloudy	New Philadelphia	68	46	mst sunny
Athens	69	46	mst sunny	Findlay	64	46	cloudy	Newark	66	47	mst sunny
Bellefontaine	61	44	pt sunny	Fostoria	63	44	cloudy	Portsmouth	68	47	mst sunny
Bowling Green	64	44	cloudy	Gallipolis	71	46	pt sunny	Sandusky	60	45	pt sunny
Cambridge	67	46	mst sunny	Lancaster	67	46	mst sunny	Toledo	64	45	pt sunny
Chillicothe	66	45	mst sunny	Lima	64	45	cloudy	Troy	65	45	cloudy
Cincinnati	66	47	pt sunny	Mansfield	62	45	pt sunny	Xenia	64	46	pt sunny
Cleveland	54	45	mst sunny	Marietta	69	48	mst sunny	Youngstown	67	44	mst sunny

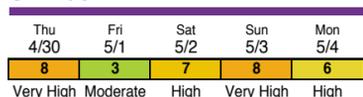
### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	59	48	rain	Houston	77	56	mst sunny	Phoenix	89	64	sunny
Boston	56	46	cloudy	Los Angeles	88	64	mst sunny	San Francisco	68	51	pt sunny
Chicago	59	38	mst sunny	Miami	85	73	t-storm	Seattle	62	47	pt sunny
Dallas	76	53	sunny	Minneapolis	68	42	storm	St. Louis	72	50	mst sunny
Denver	76	48	sunny	New York	72	51	mst sunny	Washington, DC	75	57	mst sunny

### Moon Phases



### UV Index



The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

## Dawson

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course there "inspired me to expand my horizons," he said.

However, on the horizon was a change in major course of study to engineering. It became his life's work.

While working in engineering, he continued his art in photography. He uses large format cameras, 4x5 and 8x10 view cameras to record images and continues to use them today. The latter, a Carlton, was made between 1880 and 1888. Though he refers to himself as a photographic dinosaur, the chemistry and paper remain available for fine art black and white photography.

An enlarger he uses was salvaged from the former National Cash Register corporation. It was given to one of its photographers when the company closed down its photography operations. He acquired it from him. It's a prodigious piece of equipment weighing 1,300 pounds.

Along with the hefty enlarger, Dawson acquired one of 50 glass negative copies of the iconic photo of the Wright Brothers' first powered flight in 1903. Dawson said NCR's president, John H. Patterson,



Courtesy photo | Jim Dawson

Jim Dawson captured Sidney's landmark diner, The Spot, in the evening light.



Dawson's image of a tree at Ash Cave in southern Ohio is a study in contrast.

### Reception

A reception for Jim Dawson, photographer, will be held from 5 to 8 p.m., Friday, May 1 at the Gallery on High, London. His show will run through the month of May.

who was a friend of the Wrights, had the company photography department make the companies to preserve the image.

Dawson's images have few people, if any, in them. He calls himself a

landscape photographer, but hones in on other subjects in nature and architecture.

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