

Waynesville/Wayne Twp.

WAYNESVILLE



ABOVE: LCNB president Steve Wilson recently presented rare currency printed by The Waynesville National Bank to the Museum at the Friends Home in Waynesville. LCNB and museum members shown gathered at the Friends Home (from left) are Richard Jones, Michael E. Foley, Lonnie Schear, Steve Wilson, Lee Philpott, Milton Cook, Bill Stubbs, Dolly McKeehan, Bruce Snell and Peg Rice. Staff photo by Linda Weisenborn

BELOW: This \$10 bill issued by the Waynesville National Bank contains a depiction of President William McKinley. Contributed photo

Historic currency donated to museum

LCNB gives gift of local currency purchased from Hartsock estate.

Staff Report

LCNB President and CEO Stephen P. Wilson recently presented two Waynesville National Bank currency notes — an 1894 \$5 note and a 1914 \$10 note — to the trustees of the Museum at the Friends Home in Waynesville.

The donated currency notes were purchased by LCNB from the estate of Bettie Hartsock specifically to be presented as a gift for the museum. The Hartsock family was associated with the Waynesville National Bank for many years. Bettie's husband, Owen Hartsock, was a former director of Waynesville National Bank. Her father-in-law, Ross Hartsock, was Chairman of the Board of Waynesville Nation-



al Bank.

Wilson explained the history of why uniform currency was created back in the 1870s.

A number of "wildcat" banks had formed after the Civil War in small towns like Waynesville. These wildcat banks were neither insured nor backed by any governmental entity — and a number of people lost their savings through these unregulated institutions.

He also pointed out that all currency, like those presented, were designed by a metal etching process called engrav-

ing, and when one examines these notes up close, they will see how finely detailed each note is. The notes were printed in large sheets by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and sent to each chartered national bank and were signed by the bank's president and cashier. Each bank needed special oversized scissors in which to cut the notes apart.

The \$5 note was from a series printed in 1882. It is unique in that it has the Waynesville National Bank name on the front of the note

and the number 2,220 on both the front and the back. This number indicates the Waynesville National Bank was the 2,220th chartered national bank in the U.S. It also displays the federal and state of Ohio seals engraved on the back.

The other currency note is a \$10 bill. It also has the Waynesville National Bank name on the front and the bank's 2,220 charter number appears on the front and within the border. This bill is from the series of 1902, but was distributed in 1914.

Wilson thanked co-executors Michael Foley and Richard Jones for making LCNB aware of the opportunity to purchase these notes so that the LCNB could make this gift possible.

For more information about the Waynesville Museum at the Friends Home, call (513) 897-1607 or visit friendshomemuseum.org.