

In Honor of



Marian Elizabeth Koontz  
Romich  
1917 - 2011



- o Graduate of Asbury College
- o Began Teaching Music & History at Creston H.S.
- o Later Taught Kdg. & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade at Norwayne Schools
- o Retired in 1984

"She was a well respected teacher always looking out for the educational needs of her students. There is absolutely no question that the legacy of Marian Romich & her wonderful family will carry on into the future for many years to come."

Larry Acker  
Norwayne Superintendent

**Mrs. Romich was involved with:**

- Creston Book and Music Club
- Creston UPC Guild
- Friends of the Creston Library
- Wooster Adult Basic Education

She & Ben raised four children;  
all graduating from college



Norwayne Schools are blessed  
with wonderful neighbors



Romich Farm



## A Romich-McKelvey Family Gift



Clement L. Ault Education Center  
housing the Norwayne Religious Education classes

## Another gift....



At Norwayne Elementary Barry Romich brought us Keith Spears of the Sustainable Energy Network, who with the Romich Foundation provided the pavilion solar panels and other tie-ins for the Habitat Discovery Garden.

Lynn Romich Hershberger has a great view of the Garden from her classroom



Ken Cochran, Curator of Secret Arboretum, recently commented in the Daily Record:

“A lot of schools are working their whole curriculum into the outdoors.”

Norwayne too, is excited to start taking advantage of this new method of teaching.



Under the guidance of exceptional teachers, students will be learning beyond textbooks. The opportunities are endless to make learning fun!



This Outdoor Classroom  
contains the following  
components



Maintenance-free outdoor pavilion featuring solar  
panels provided by the Romich Foundation & Sustainable  
Energy Network





Water Feature and Bog



Geology Garden



## Literature Tie-Ins



• Secret Garden



• Peter Rabbit Garden

## ABC Garden





## Human Sundial



## Sensory Garden Feature



## Handicapped Accessible with Paved Walkways







Recycled Construction Materials were used from the demolished Sterling and Burbank Elementary Schools to create benches, etc.



The garden is a certified  
WILD Site.



- It is an honor to receive from the Prentke Romich Company Board of Directors a gift to Norwayne Local Schools to establish the:

Marian Romich Habitat Discovery Garden  
Endowment Fund



- It is a fitting tribute to honor the memory of Mrs. Romich, a well respected retired school teacher, whose family also serves as wonderful neighbors & friends to the Norwayne District, to establish this fund to provide for the continuing maintenance and success of this unique learning environment.