

### Looking for:

- Reflections of Rocky Ridge 1830 to 1939 (book) by William Jay Risch
- **Draft cards**
- **County high school yearbooks**
- **Old winter photos**
- **Photos of this year's winter storms**
- **String trimmer**
- **Used printer ink cartridges to recycle**

### Thank You!

**WalMart**—for a gift card for \$20 to \$45 nearly every month in 2013. We used them for office supplies.

**Masonry Construction**—concrete base for 1922 school cornerstone.

**Ottawa County Historical Society Page & Stage**—DVDs of Rich Norgard's presentation on the Ship SUCCESS and "Skirmish on the Peninsula," a memorial of Ohio's first conflict in the War of 1812.

**Lock Zeis and Kim Boyle**—DVD of the 150th year celebration of the Battle of Lake Erie.

## OTTAWA COUNTY MUSEUM

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Labor Day until Memorial Day, Open Wed. Noon to 3 pm;

Memorial Day to Labor Day: Tues/Wed/Thurs, Noon to 3pm; or by appt. (Call Peggy at 419-732-1039)

## NEWSLETTER

Winter 2014



### Greetings from the Curator!

In December, volunteer Chuck Grindstaff moved the cornerstone from the 1922 Middle School/High School into place at the front of the museum. At Chuck's request, Masonry Construction built a small cement platform for it--thank you Tom Evans and team! Chuck engineered an elaborate system of wood supports to maneuver this heavy stone into place all by himself! Amazing. I seem to be one of the few who will not miss the old school. I spent the first two years of high school there, and it was so crowded that the girls could not shower after PE my freshman year and girls had no PE classes at all my sophomore year. We could barely get up and down the crowded stairs when classes changed. I did love the band room and liked the auditorium for plays and concerts, but that is about the extent of my good memories about that school. It was wonderful to move into the new school with a lovely library, comfortable classrooms, and other great facilities. I know many readers loved that school, and I was always hoping someone would make it into condos so that I could live in one! *Peggy*

*Photo: Chuck Grindstaff delivering the 1922 cornerstone to the museum.*

### Memorials

- In memory of Richard C. Bell—Denise Bell
- In memory of Christopher Deerhake—Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Warnicke; Mr. & Mrs. Lock Zeis
- In memory of Juanita Cooper—Mr. & Mrs. Lock Zeis; Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Warnicke

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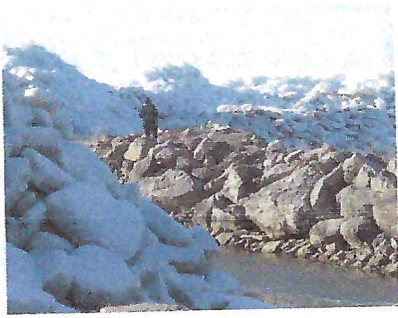
*Susan Hany*

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Feeling homebound in this cold weather? Come to the museum, have a seat and let us show you 1) old slides of the county; 2) a file of articles on a subject of interest to you, such as Indians in Ottawa County, storms you might or might not remember, businesses of old (buggy factory, basket factory, commercial fishing, Matthews Boat Company), etc. Or you could watch one of our DVDs and spend some time reminiscing with family, friends, or our friendly volunteers.



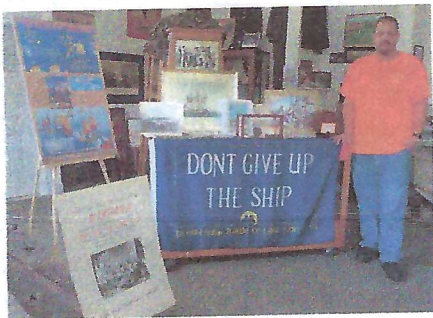
**ICE**—Most of us have been thinking of the big ice “shoves” as things of the past. But here is a photo taken about 2009 at Orchard Beach. The ice came in one night in February and stopped within 20 ft. of Nancy and Dick Dunham’s home. We have a folder of old ice stories and photos in the museum. Stop in and have a seat and we’ll get it out for you to peruse. We also have ice harvesting equipment for you to see and ice fishing stories—in 1960, the News Herald reported an estimated 1,500 persons ice fishing and printed a photo to prove it! This is already a great year for ice and we may have a few ice shoves this year!

*Photo: Nancy Dunham walks along the Orchard Beach ice shove, Feb. 2009.*

**The Pancake Man—Bob Underwood.** We have a new window exhibit honoring the man who filled us all with pancakes every Lent, and many other times during the year. The Underwood Family generously donated one of Bob’s “Aunt Jemima” pancake makers and some of his hats and aprons and have also lent us a cutout figure of Bob done to his exact size by (the late) Pat Bristley. Volume V of The People of Ottawa County by the Ottawa County Historical Society has the first installment of Bob’s oral history—there was too much to put into one history, so it will be continued in a later volume. The breadth of his involvement in feeding the folks of Ottawa County and beyond was amazing! You can find this book in the library or read it in the museum.

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Kevin Winters with one of the many museum exhibits he has developed.

**Kevin Winters** is our youngest volunteer and one of our most active. Just 31 years old, Kevin has a strong interest in military history which he has pursued here to our great advantage. He and Judge Hany put their heads together to place museum military displays in the lobby of the municipal court in the City/County complex. While compiling information on veterans, Kevin has had the honor of meeting many veterans and their families. The Millinger family of Oak Harbor trusted Kevin so much that they presented the museum with their son Glen’s footlocker and its contents sent home by the Army after Glen died in Viet Nam. Kevin’s interest and energy are unflagging. He works for Whirlpool, is a military re-enactor, and lives in Port Clinton with wife Amy and their two sons.



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**History Mystery solved!** According to Clarabelle Bothe, Riley water gardens were located along Rt. 163 where the entrances on and off the Rt. 2 bypass are now.

**APOLOGIES ARE IN ORDER!!!** To the six members whose names were left off of the last newsletter’s membership list. Our advanced electronic system was not at fault! It was human error and for that we apologize! Please feel free to call if this ever happens to you! To err is human . . .