

Looking for:

- Draft cards from WWII, Korea, Vietnam
- County high school yearbooks
- Photos we can scan
- Used ink cartridges to recycle
- Book: Winous Point: 150 Years
- A History of Oak Harbor Schools . . . by G. Thierwechter
- Old phonebooks

Thank You!

Sam Conte—Binder with background/photos of Lakecraft Corporation.

Anonymous—Flags and standards for Municipal Courthouse military displays.

Joy Svehla Dial—PCHS yearbooks from her mother Lois's estate.

Carol Riznikove and several others—used ink cartridges for recycling at Staples. This month we earned \$40 toward

anything we buy there! Keep them coming!

Martha Bridgeman—Red Cross volunteer

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NEWSLETTER

Winter 2014/15



Ice fishing 2014

From the Curator—For several years I have been involved with the Historical Society's oral history project, which has produced 6 books of oral histories from around the county. The latest, Volume 6, is titled The People of Ottawa County, Memories & Adventures, a collection that includes oral histories related to the Ford Tri-Motor, the airport, and the

fliers themselves. It's not all flying, as we have included stories on sailing by Tom Corogin, ice fishing by Jack Tibbels, peach farming by Bob Schraidt, teaching by Marie Bolander, hardware sales by the Hablitzels, and keeping history by John Liske, among others. We have 3 and 5 and 6 in the museum, as well as our own book The Heritage of Port Clinton, each \$15.

Sam Conte brought in a great collection of photos and information from Lakecraft Corporation over the years, showing the development and projects of his family business. We would love to have more information on Ottawa County businesses—present and past. After all, "the present" will soon become "the past" for the next generation. Brochures, fliers, advertising material, articles are all welcome! No special format needed. We'll set up the file. *Peggy*

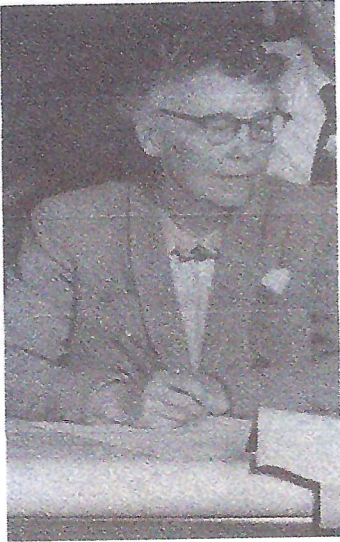
Memorials by

- Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Warnicke—for Pat Gipe
- Mr. & Mrs. Lockwood Zeis—for Mary Jo Celek, Ronald W. Blackburn, Verda M. Snider, Jacqueline Chapman, Esperanza "Hope" Guerra, Rosalie Hipp, Brigid Elizabeth Fall

(Free) Winter and Spring Programs

March 1, 2 p.m.— **Bob Reynolds** will present a new slide film on the historic 9,000 mile voyage of the ONWARD, a 70' Matthews yacht built and sailed by his grandfather, Scott Matthews, and family. Sutton Center Conference Room, 1854 E. Perry St., PC. We encourage you to stop by Common Grounds Café, which will stay open until 2 p.m. for those who wish to buy lunch or a coffee.

May 16, 2 p.m.— **Chuck Grindstaff** will present a program based on his research with illustrations and photos on how the Portage River was rerouted in Port Clinton. Ida Rupp Public Library Community Rooms, 310 Madison St., Port Clinton.



HISTORY MYSTERY SOLVED!—No one identified Josephine Powers, at left, whose work many of us drive over every day. In 1932, she designed the beautiful Portage River Bridge in Port Clinton. After she received her degree in architecture from Columbia University, she opened an office with Miss Marion Hindman in Columbus in 1931. Later, she became connected with the Bridge Bureau of the State Highway Department, supervising and designing all architectural matters related to their bridge program. (Photo and information from the Ohio Department of Transportation.)

\$\$\$ Donation Opportunity \$\$\$
 We have a donor who is looking for a 1922 Ottawa County aluminum dog license to complete his collection. He has offered the museum a \$100.00 donation if we can find this dog license for him. Help!



Ottawa County Museum

Did you have an old P or Q license plate number? We now have on display a collection of county license plates!

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 Area Heritage Foundation
 126 W. 3rd Street
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Non-Profit Bulk Rate
 U.S. Postage PAID
 Permit No. 118
 Port Clinton, OH 43452

Lock & Janie Zeis
 226 W. 4th Street
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Volunteer Ellen Frias lives in Sandusky and spends her summers in Port Clinton at Vista Villa. She helps us out year round and is one of our longest-serving volunteers. As a retiree from Ford, she has office skills that have been very helpful and that she has employed on such tasks as filing, sorting, and mailing while serving as a greeter for visitors. Recently, she has been helping with our digital inventory and is now ready to work independently entering our photos into the database. Ellen is a widow with three children, all of whom graduated from Port Clinton High School. Her gardening hobby seems to give her a beautiful permanent tan which she refreshes on an annual visit to Florida.

Many thanks to Gannett Foundation for a grant of \$1,000, which allowed us to buy a computer for inventory and to receive some specialized webinar training from the museum inventory software company.
History Mystery: Susie (Lano) Charlton has a signature quilt with 504 names embroidered on it. Names like: Babcock, Wonnell, Bahnsen, Balduf, Brough, Carstens, Geiger, Kreutzfeld,. We are trying to find the