

### We're looking for:

- Old Photos espec. interiors of old-time businesses and outdoor activities
- Old printed items
- Commercial fishing photos and info for researcher
- Framed Ben Richmond prints of Ottawa County
- Any early county items or books

### THANK YOU!

**Ottawa County Community Foundation** for funds to renovate two window openings on the east side of the museum to use to display artifacts.

**Stensen Foundation** for funds to hire an IT professional to develop our artifact inventory and membership list in PastPerfect Software and to train others to enter our thousands of artifacts and photos into the program.

**Jennifer Schimming White**-Civil War era dress, man's top hat, various women's garments.

### Our Board

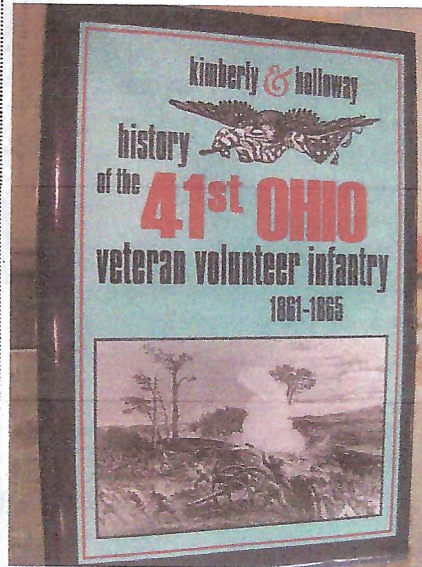
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## OTTAWA COUNTY MUSEUM

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

### Summer 2019



#### Dear Members and Friends,

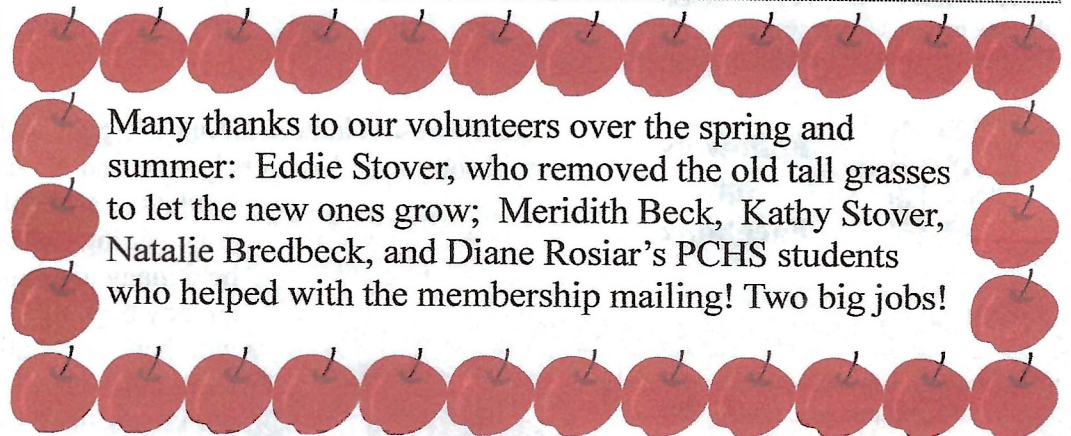
Thank you to those of you who renewed your membership or joined the museum for the first time. You are the folks who keep us going and we appreciate it! A list members is attached, so if your name is not on the list, please consider rejoining or joining. We are using new software for the list, so please excuse any growing pains and call me if you find an error.

At left is a book we recently bought because it gives a history of the 41st Ohio Volunteer Infantry from the Civil War. Company I was formed in Port Clinton with men from the area. Names found in the book that are familiar to me include Rymers, Miller, Brown, Wonnell, Silverwood, Gill, Bodie, Bell, Davenport, Minier, and Valequette (my ancestor). There are 12 pages of names listing dates entered and mustered out, wounded, killed and how men died.

Dave Thompson visited from Tennessee and gave us the info on this book, which lists George O. Bailey, whose Civil War diaries we recently acquired from one of his descendants. (Our last newsletter showed a photo of George O. Bailey's signature in the book.) On his visit, Dave scanned both diaries and has already transcribed the first one, which he has shared with us.

Come in and check out our Civil War history and your Civil War ancestors or read the transcribed pages of George Bailey's diary!

*Peggy*



Many thanks to our volunteers over the spring and summer: Eddie Stover, who removed the old tall grasses to let the new ones grow; Meridith Beck, Kathy Stover, Natalie Bredbeck, and Diane Rosiar's PCHS students who helped with the membership mailing! Two big jobs!

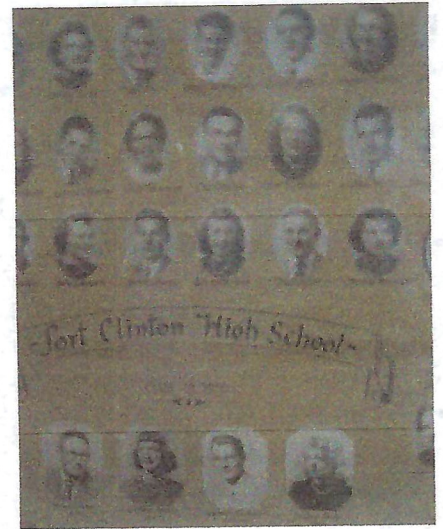
Memorial donations honoring anyone who has passed or "in honor of" anyone living may be made by sending a check payable to the Ottawa County Museum, P.O. Box 845, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452



At the end of the year, all third-graders (this is just one class) from Bataan Memorial School walked to the museum and the Ida Rupp Public Library for tours and talks. Many thanks to teacher Zach Amos for initiating this event!

**HISTORY MYSTERY!**

Remember these class photos that hung on the walls in the "old" PCHS study hall or cafeteria? Mr. Steyer, current principal, made sure we got the ones on hand, but where are the rest? We know that Ohler and Holzhauer has a reprint of one in their lobby, but does anyone have any others they would like to donate to the museum? Or lend us to make copies? We have photo charts from 1931, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1946, 1949, 1950 on display. **Does anyone know where the rest are?**



**Class of 1950**

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Dave Thompson with Peggy Debien the day he was here to scan the George O. Bailey Civil War diaries.



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Our newest volunteer is Linda Higgins, who came in one day and said she would like to help—behind the scenes. Don't we need that!

Linda was an English major in college, has done editing and technical writing and has held many administrative positions. She has already begun to help the curator catch up with her organization and files. (Over the winter, the curator had knee replacement and got very behind, even more than usual.) Linda has also been volunteering with the PC Lighthouse Conservancy and Friends of the Library. She is married to PC native Tom Higgins, and they live in Port Clinton.



Winter museum hours resume after Labor Day and continue until Memorial Day. The museum will be open from noon to 3 pm on Wednesdays or by appointment with the curator at 419-967-5533 or 419-732-1039.