

We're looking for:

Photos and stories of:

- Snow storms
- 1918 flu pandemic
- Polio crisis 1940s/50s
- Old photos (not just PC)
- Ben Richmond prints of Ottawa County (framed if poss.)

COVID-19 hours. The museum is closed because of COVID-19. Please call if you need to come in: 419-732-2237 or 419-732-1039 and we will try to schedule an appointment.

Thank you for donations:

Bill Streeter sent us many news articles collected by his mother who sent them to him in Wisconsin.

Jeff Cheney brought us possible Indian tools from the marshy areas of PC.

Kelleys Island Historical Society—Red Wing ice boat model by Lee William Brown.

Joan Hudak—1944 news articles about Company C, 192nd Battalion.

Carol Quisno Brown—black silk dress, info about Quisno (now Quizno's) subs

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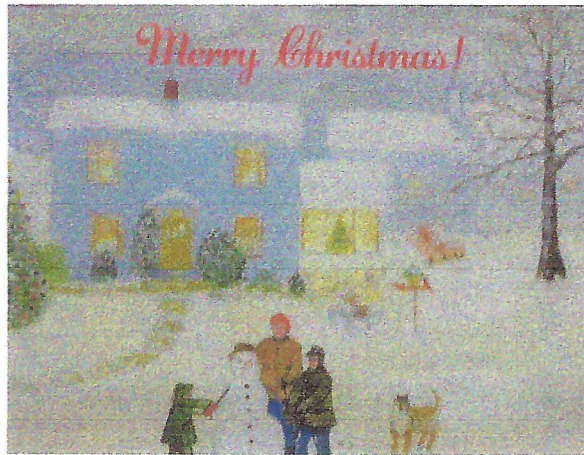
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NEWSLETTER

Fall 2020

Hello, friends, You might have already noticed our list of board members is briefer than usual. Sadly, Lock and Janie Zeis have moved to the Columbus area to be nearer to their children. Janie said they have a lovely apartment and are very well taken care of with three meals a day, though they were quarantined for a while since they were new arrivals. Lock and Janie have been such good friends to us and also the backbone of this museum. They will be missed not only for their friendships but also for the many contributions they have made to the life of PC.



This charming winter scene painted by Jeanne Wonnell depicts her children Sue, David, and Daniel, with their dog Prince at home on the Wonnell farm in Bay Township. Jeanne was one of the kindest people I ever knew. She is especially remembered as a nurse in the Port Clinton schools for many years. Jeanne was one of the talented people who tell stories of life in Ottawa

County through their art. Other local artists featured in the museum are Virginia Zafirau, Rosemary Schramm, M. Wightman, Madonna Heschel, George Jensen, and Jerry Grimm. We must not forget the hundreds of photographers who took thousands of photographs that help us understand the past. Among the most prolific photographers were Louis Warner and Ernst Niebergall. We in Ottawa County benefit from their talents and generosity. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and a prosperous 2021!

Peggy

Memorials

Ed & Kathy Stover in memory of Courtland "Corky" Thompson, PCHS 1969 and Kathy's cousin.

Kathy Lewis in memory of **Doug Semon**, son of Dr. Richard Semon and Mary Lou Keller Semon, grandson of former PC mayor Carl Keller and Bernice Woner Keller (Woner's Greenhouse).

In memory of **Ted Cover**, cousin of **Dr. Barry Cover**.

Many people remember the Lighthouse Drive-In. According to Rudy Dracka, it was located on the east side of Phil's Inn and had slot machines. It was in a white metal building and kids used to open the little tray door and sometimes find a cone or two. One of the Johnson boys was a red-head; they had great ice cream. Chuck Grindstaff remembers Domino's Pizza being located there in the 60s. The building was moved to behind Dairy Isle and is now next to Andy's Party Mart and houses Burns Brews. Rosemary Zelms purchased her first bowling ball from Walt Johnson at his place of business, the Lighthouse Drive-In. He had one made for her based on her hand size and the weight he suggested. The year was 1947, and she used the same ball until 1968!

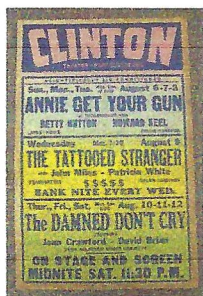


Museum Board Member George Wight is researching Turk Hathaway and his boatbuilding business. He has talked with Rita Rider, but still has some "holes" to fill. If you can help with any of the info below, please e-mail him at geowight2010@gmail.com:

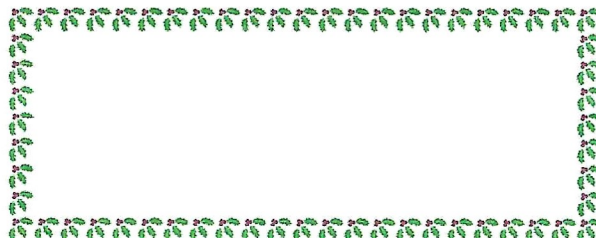
1. Photos of Hathaway boats—Charlie Woodman had one; Turk built some for Lay's Fisheries.
2. Photos of his workshop along the river at what is now Bootleggers. Photos taken from the Yacht Club looking across the Portage River.
3. Memories of his loud truck driven from 318 E. 6th street—no muffler? Make/year/color of truck?
4. His daughters married Carl Stuckey, Carl Biro, and Willard Ohm. Rita Rider is the daughter of his son Raymond. Any other relatives?

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Ottawa County House and Building Survey continues!



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The 1944 newspaper that Joan Hudak sent regarding the Bataan Death March also had some fascinating real estate sales information, listing forfeited land sales for non-payment of taxes. Offerings included: Catawba Cliffs lot 46, value \$100, taxes \$121.98; Lot 176, value \$100, taxes \$13.19; Lot 406, Value \$50, taxes \$6.45; Willow Beach Lot 65, Value \$10, taxes \$3.78. Locust Point Beach Lot 76,

