

## 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.)
- Agriculture/Farm photos
- Rural Township photos

## **Thank you!**

**Walter Burdorf** for a 50-year reunion wineglass and photos from PCHS class of 1939, from **Dorothy Bredbeck's** estate

**Marge Busby** for Stensen Oil and Cities' Service ashtray and tapemeasure

**Erica Maple** and **Tim Cover** for NYCentral train artwork  
**Oak Harbor History Room** for blueprints of Portage River Lift Bridge

**Joanne Fleming** for articles and anniversary T-shirt related to the Portage River Bridge

**Carol Brown** for antique black formal dress and ladies hair ornaments

**Family of Cliff and Elva**

**Herbert** for pieces of the Success ship plus a Radio Flyer wagon and a 1950s Shooting Star sled

**Linda Higgins** for an antique wedding dress

### **OUR BOARD MEMBERS:**

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## OTTAWA COUNTY MUSEUM

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### Open hours:

**Memorial Day Until Labor Day, Tues., Wed., Thurs., noon to 3 pm**  
**Labor Day Until Memorial Day, Wednesdays Noon to 3 pm**  
**Or whenever you want—call Peggy Debien: 419-732-1039 (home)**

## NEWSLETTER

Spring 2020

Hello Members and Friends,

**THE MUSEUM IS NOW OPEN—standard hours as listed above!!**

**And now is the time to renew your membership or join us for the first time. Here's another reason to join:**

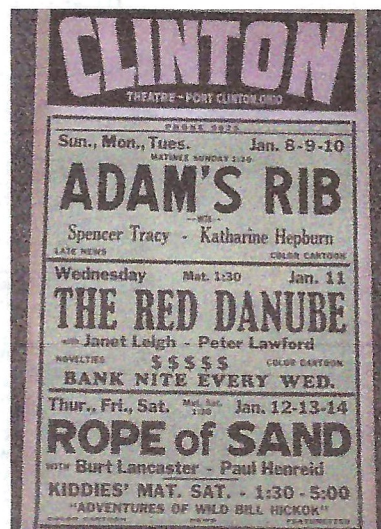
Have you ever thought of your museum as a recycling center? It is!

**We support recycling**—think of your museum as the ultimate recycling place. We take in items that people might throw away and find their

historical value. We read local newspapers and magazines and cut out articles and advertisements, recycling what we cannot use. We take in old books and if we cannot use them, we find a home at another museum, an antiquarian book dealer, or we sell a few, such as extra Revistas, to people who want to keep them. And our favorite—we scan old photos and/or keep them in our archives for research by others. So, think of yourself as a good citizen supporting recycling by supporting this museum.

**And thank you! Peggy**

◀◀ The Clinton Theatre poster at left highlights an exhibit we have on now at the museum. Please see the reverse side of this newsletter for more information.



Thank you to our new Lifetime Members!

**Cindy Bolte**

**George and Joan Hurrell, who joined in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Hurrell Homestead in Port Clinton**

### Memorials

**For D. J. Rusincovitch (wife of Board President Jim Rusincovitch)**—Natalie and Lee Bredbeck, GSLC Book Study Group of Raleigh NC, Peggy Debien




At one time, the red Radio Flyer was the envy of many boys, and maybe some girls. This wagon belonged to the family of Cliff and Elva Herbert, who donated both the wagon and the Shooting Star sled, both from the 1950s era. The company first made wooden wagons and in 1927 began making the wagons from stamped steel. They now make steel and plastic wagons and in 2015 were named by Fortune Magazine as one of the best 25 best small businesses for which to work.

In the “gold ole days,” I spent many Saturday afternoons at the Clinton Theatre viewing the afternoon matinees. I also attended some of the shows, and especially remember scary Halloween programs. At the museum, we often have questions about the movie theaters that were in Port Clinton, and we now have an exhibit in the museum that will bring back memories of hours spent watching the big screen.

We need to thank **Roy Baumann** of Danbury Township and developer **Greg Spatz** for donating hundreds of movie schedule posters like the one on the left from the Clinton and Erie Theatres and the museum volunteers who cleaned and organized them. The posters had been in the loft of Roy’s barn for many years and, while dry, were pretty dusty. We filled the back of Chuck Grindstaff’s and my SUVs, put them in my garage, and other volunteers did the sorting and cleaning. It has been a fun project because volunteers also researched each of the movie theaters and wrote a short history of them and found tickets and fliers for visitors to see. We even found an old popcorn box! Please join us in reminiscing about the days before the Internet and Netflix.

**Poster Guy Chuck Grindstaff** with one of the hundreds of movie posters we rescued from Roy Bauman’s barn.. ▼▼





**History Mystery—Now it’s your turn! Do you know the history of your house? Who built it, who lived there, does it have any historical significance? Get a survey form from us and use it to outline the history of your home!**

**Ottawa County House and Building Survey continues**  
Please call us for a survey

Fun website for local history:

Google: [Chronicling America/Ottawa County News](#)

May 14, 1948—[Front Page News!](#)

Paul Moon’s dachshund “Pretzel” takes first prize!

Lots of first pages to look at.