

We're looking for:

- Photos and stories of:
 - Old photos (not just PC)
 - Agriculture/Farm photos
 - Rural Township photos
 - Oak Harbor Apple Festival
 - Any festivals in the county

OTTAWA COUNTY MUSEUM

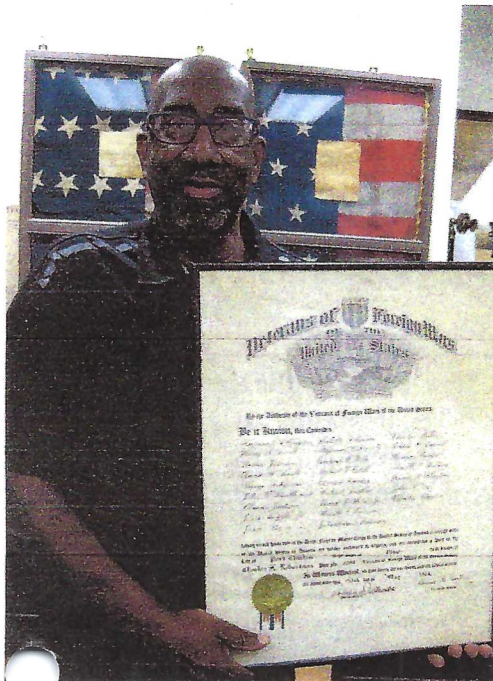
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NEWSLETTER

Fall 2021



Rev. Bobby Jones, PCHS '65, has been a minister in Fremont for some time. One of his congregation brought in the certificate he is holding and said "This belongs in Port Clinton." The certificate authorizes the establishment of the VFW Charles L. Robertson Post No. 2851 on 20th of May 1963. Bobby recognizes most of the names on the certificate as members of the African-American community in Port Clinton. In fact, one of them, George Robinson, is the father of another member of our high school class. The chapter was disbanded only a few years after it was organized for failure to renew their charter. We are trying to find out who organized this chapter and why was it set up in 1963 and then disbanded? Here are the names on the certificate:

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| Raymond B. Crayton | Hulette Robinson | Charles Miller |
| Henry W. Sewell | Raymond C. Lewis, Jr. | Johnnie G. Russell |
| Weston Johnson | Edward F. Pope | Herman James |
| David W. Smith | Robert E. Estell | Arnell C. Sterling |
| George Robinson | Edward Carnes | David W. Clayton |
| John T. Smallwood | Hubert Tucker | John V. Veal |
| Claude Jackson | Frank J. Horn, Jr. | Charles Clayton |
| Jesse Tuggle, Jr. | Harold E. Connor | |
| Jesse Norris | Jalatherous Mannery | |

Thank you!

Walter Burdorf for a 50-year reunion wineglass and photos from PCHS class of 1939

Judy Krofft Nugent—Revistas, PCHS memorabilia and scrapbook
Jeff Bugbee—advertising ephemera and objects collected by his mother from local businesses

Rosemary Rose—large Lakeshore Dairy calendar; old newspapers

Dan Lowe—Matthews Co. crate wood

Please help us find the story behind this VFW chapter! We have had no luck so far.
Peggy

More new Lifetime Members! Thank you to:
Tom and Kathy Priesman
John and Sue Crosser
And MANY THANKS to all of you who renewed or joined from our last newsletter. We still need more of you to support us through the year. Please consider us!

OUR BOARD MEMBERS:

- President Jim Rusincovitch*
- Secretary Dianne Rozak*
- Treasurer Melanie Watling*
- Natalie Bredbeck*
- Dottie Douglass*
- T. Park McRitchie*
- Tom Priesman*
- George Wight*

Memorials

In memory of D. J. Rusincovitch (wife of Board President Jim Rusincovitch)— Robert W Reider, Jr.
In memory of Barbara Reider—Robert W. Reider, Jr.

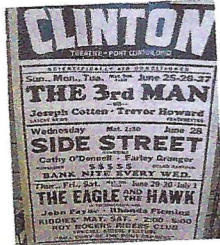
Donations—by Robert W. Reider, Jr., in honor of Jim Rusincovitch and Peggy Debien, fellow PCHS band members

Did you know? During the late 50s and perhaps other years, students at PCHS were sent on Wednesday afternoons to their respective churches. Students who did not have a church stayed at the high school. We found this out when Judy Krofft Nugent brought in a stack of sheets listing students who attended each church. Students who didn't have a church stayed behind at the high school on Wednesday afternoons.

VOLUNTEER!

Come and join us! The museum is a quiet, safe place, and we have a variety of things to do from preparing mailings, gardening, sorting historical articles, caring for artifacts, gardening, and research. If you want to come in occasionally to help with a project, let Peggy know and we will call you as needed.

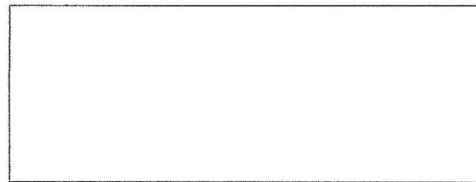
We have kept our exhibit on PC movie theaters up because so few people have seen it during the pandemic. We have a history of each of the theaters plus hundreds of posters listing the old movies that were shown here. They are available for a \$10 donation each.



Corrections to Membership Lists, with apologies:
 John and Cheryl Kocher
 George Wight—member at \$50 level
 Susan Payne—member at \$100 level
 Alex Thurocy—member at \$20 level
 Jane Thurocy—member at \$20 level
 (Peggy had rotator cuff surgery and got a little behind in her work.)

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Another great volunteer! Barbara Clark moved to Port Clinton in the fall of 2019 and joined our volunteer team shortly thereafter. She is a retired research librarian who came to us with her sister, Linda Higgins, who also volunteers. She is from Coon Rapids, Minnesota, and has a son, a daughter, 8 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. She says she really likes living in Port Clinton because it's such an interesting place. Barbara applies her research skills researching and writing historical articles for the museum.

Jill Groves brought us several notebooks with minutes and photos of the Vacationland Chapter of NARFE (National Association of Retired Federal Employees). The photos depict meetings and feature local members such as Beverly Ascher, Pete Below, Russ Deal, Gert Hrupcho, Clarence Cotner, and Ed Strala. The information and photos range from 1967 to present. If anyone is interested in these photos, please let us know and we'll hold them for you.

