

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

Pandemic issues:

Remembering that we are still in a pandemic and people are still getting sick, we did not have special open hours as usual over the holidays. However, if you and friends or family want to visit the museum, please make an appointment with Peggy Debien @ 419-732-1039. We are always open on Wednesdays from noon to 3 pm.

Please wear your mask!

Thank you!

Jim Widmer for photos of Port Clinton from the yacht club collection and his own.

Sue Yonke Many photos of PC, books and documents.

Jackie Lay for photos of Lay's fisheries, history of Lay family and business, 16mm film of ice harvesting, net tarring and other activities around Lake Erie.

These three collections provided many unique photos that we did not have in the museum.

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Open hours:

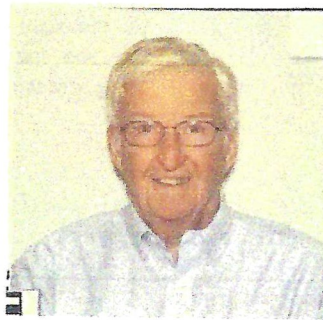
Memorial Day Until Labor Day, Tues., Wed., Thurs., noon to 3 pm

Labor Day Until Memorial Day, Wednesdays Noon to 3 pm

Or whenever you want—call Peggy Debien: 419-732-1039 (home)

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2021/2022



Dear Members and Friends,

By now, many of you will know of the December 21 passing of Lockwood Zeis, a member of the museum board and a life-long supporter of all things Port Clinton. Lock was born in 1934, graduated from PCHS in 1952 and Miami University in 1956. He and Janie were members of

Immaculate Conception Church.

Lock and Janie were anchors of the Ottawa County Museum and his dedication was reflected in the planning, building and setting up of the museum's addition, the Zeis Wing, dedicated in 2010.

Lock also saw the museum through its setup at the current location and helped in operations wherever and whenever needed. (His many contributions are in his full obit published on December 27 in the Sandusky Register.)

On April 2, 2022, Lock's funeral Mass will be held at 10 am in Immaculate Conception Church, followed by burial, then an afternoon luncheon at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 109 E. Perry St., Port Clinton.

We have been receiving donations in memory of Lock, which we are acknowledging by mail and in the next newsletter. *Peggy*

Four new Lifetime Memberships!

Thank you to:

John Fulkert, who also took time to discuss wood working and local dairies.

Bonnie and Alex Thomas

Duane and Betty Kokinda

George and Sherri Wight

Imagine my excitement when I found a message on my answering machine: "This is Jackie Lay. Let's get together and talk about fishing." The Lays and the Debiens had adjacent fisheries on Lakeshore Drive. In fact, my grandfather was foreman at Lay's (now the Commodore Inn) until he bought the adjoining Bell Fish Company property (now Brand's Marina) and then Jack Lay fired him! Jackie brought a treasure trove of photos and I was able to give her museum photos. Jackie's sister Bonnie and I were PCHS '65 classmates and she sent Jackie to see me. Their cousin Casey Lambert used to have loads of fishing photos and I hope we'll have copies of those some day, too. Jackie also had a number of 16mm films we are going to try to get converted to digital.

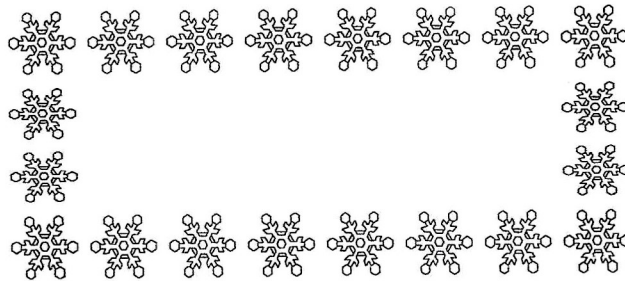


The photo above was in the museum archives, but we are hoping readers will bring in more to fill out our collection—fishing boats (remember the Zip, the Tip, the Peggy Sue and the Gale?), fishermen working on boats, cleaning fish, hauling nets, etc. Chuck Grindstaff can scan them and we will provide you with a thumb drive with your photos.

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Circa 1930s

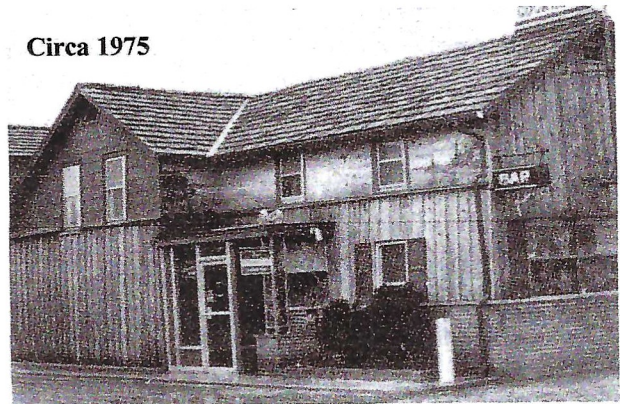


Travellers Inn

1940s



Circa 1975



The demise of Traveller's Inn was viewed by many with mixed feelings—many fond memories of family parties, good food, drinks at the bar, but the building had deteriorated to the point that the new owner decided to tear it down. Volunteer Chuck Grindstaff organized these pictures in our photo archive and you can see the development of the inn from the original building.