

We're looking for:

- Photos and stories of:
  - Snow storms
  - 1918 flu pandemic
  - Polio crisis 1940s/50s
  - Old photos (not just PC)
  - Agriculture/Farm
  - Rural Townships
  - Ottawa County veterans

**Thank you!**

**Mike Reichert**—for his beautiful work on the wood he donated for our new Lifetime Members plaque.

**Mary Brown Tressler**—Ottawa County Commemorative Plate,

**Arthur Wolfe**—old photos and postcards.

**Ruth Emerick**—plates and ornaments by Ben Richmond of various lighthouses.

**MUSEUM YARD SALE!!!**

**Friday, July 1**

We have many items not related to Ottawa County: indoor/outdoor chairs, books, Americana.

Johnson's Island mugs (\$1), old books and magazines. Also, many Revistas (\$20). Our museum is bursting at the seams and we have many things that have been stored in corners for years. Help your museum!

**OUR BOARD MEMBERS:**

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**OTTAWA COUNTY MUSEUM**

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**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 2022**



Janie Zeis and her family visited the Ottawa County Museum the day before Lock's funeral.

Janie with eighteen of their children and grandchildren.

**Dear Members & Friends,** It was wonderful to see so many of you at the luncheon following Lock's funeral. Lock (through his family) brought together so many people in and around our community as he always did during his lifetime. We will always miss him. *Peggy*

**Memorials**

**Lock Zeis**—David & Donna Wonnell; Kelly O'Brien; J.B. Williams; Karen Baseler & friends; Ed & Kathy Stover; David Sheidlower; Connie & Gary O'Brien; Rosemary Zelms; Bill & Jane Crohen & Family; Lee & Natalie Bredbeck; Peggy Debien; Rev. Robert Butcher; Kathy Ralph; Marilyn Cutaia; Allen & Mindy Leab; Paul & Sharon Zeis; Meg and John Bodie.

**Louise Worthington**—Ed & Kathy Stover, Pam & Marty Migot, Kate & Denny Howerth, Peggy Debien

**Thank you to our newest Lifetime Members!**

**Mark & Tina Hablitzel**

**Brian & Martha Celek**

### MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE AND NEW SUMMER HOURS


When the Ottawa County Museum resumes summer hours Memorial Day, new > military exhibits will be on display to honor those who gave their > lives for our country. Volunteer and Museum Board Member Dave Barth has reorganized Ottawa County militaria beginning with the War of 1812 through Desert Storm and included new artifacts that have never been displayed. Displays in the east wing of the museum include artifacts related to the Civil War plus a wall mural of the Battle of Lake Erie painted by PCHS students under the guidance of teacher Jeanne Radloff and former curator Elizabeth Denney. On display in the west wing of the museum are items related the 20th and 21st century military service.

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> Newly displayed artifacts include an aviator's flight jacket from the > Cold War era, an Indian tomahawk captured during the War of 1812 and > handed down through the soldier's family, a flak jacket from a Vietnam > Marine helicopter gunner and a woman's WWII uniform. The contents of > the footlocker of Glen Millinger, which were returned to his > family after his death in Vietnam, have been generously donated to > the museum and will also be on display.

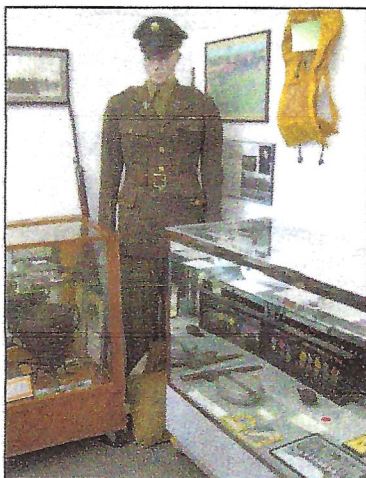
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> The museum's artifacts also include an M-1 rifle assembled at the Port > Clinton Standard Products factory for use in WWII. Items related to > WWII Prisoners of War held at Camp Perry include several carvings and > paintings produced by POWs during captivity and a uniform of 1st Sgt. > Mike Drusbacky, from Port Clinton, who guarded the prisoners.

> The most unusual artifact on display in the museum is a rib from > Commodore Perry's ship The Niagara from the Battle of Lake Erie. This > rib was salvaged when the ship was raised in 1913 from its underwater > place of rest for restoration on the 100th anniversary of the battle. > The largest item, an anchor donated by Board Member Park McRitchie, > is believed to be a British anchor, and is on display at the entrance to > the museum.

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>The museum will be open Memorial Day from noon to 3 pm, then from noon > to 3 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday until Labor Day. The museum > is also open by appointment by calling the curator at 419-732-1039.



Keep on walking! A pair of P-51 commemorative tennis shoes in honor of Lt COL Harold Brown, one the last surviving Tuskegee Airmen.



Uniforms of 1st Sgt. Mike Drusbacky & WAC Dorothy Behrman Zetzer.  
(Mannequins donated by the Ottawa County Community Foundation.)

### Lay Fisheries

In the last newsletter, we reported that Jackie Lay Caithamer had visited the museum with family and fishing information. Bill Gordon has taken on the task of having Lay Family 16mm films from the 1920s through the 1950s converted from 16mm to digital format. Jackie offered to pay for the conversion if the museum would take on the project. As a trial, Bill has had four reels converted for us with great success. They include one showing fishermen loading a great catch and also tarring nets at the end of the season. Jackie was very happy with what has been done and now we are moving on to another set. Stop in and see what we have so far!