

We're looking for:

Photos and stories of:

- Snow storms/ice shoves
- 1918 flu pandemic
- Polio crisis 1940s/50s
- Old photos (not just PC)
- Agriculture/Farm
- Rural Townships
- Ottawa County veterans
- Purple Heart recipients
- EPG Echo and similar

Thanks for donations:

Suzie Ihnat (from the estate of her brother David Ihnat)—Black and White drawing of Johnson's Island c.1865.

Jane Taylor—pictures from Marguerite Finefrock.

Sandy Zenser—her parents' collection of Rattlesnake Island stamps.

Bob Serb—centennial celebration banner of the Battle of Lake Erie.

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Many thanks to Melanie Watling, who served as treasurer while working as a very busy nurse during the pandemic and looking after two teens.. She's been great!

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NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023

Dear friends,

Some of you may have worked at Erie Proving Grounds or had family or friends who did so. We are beginning to get a good detailed picture of EPG from Caroline (Carrie) Dahnke of Vickery, who is working on a history of EPG for her BG Master's Degree thesis. She has found many amazing stories. She will be presenting her paper in April at the Ohio Academy of History. I hope Carrie will give a presentation in Port Clinton.

GREAT NEWS: Carrie called yesterday to say she has been accepted to the Case Western Reserve University doctoral program, partly based on her research on EPG.

Additionally, Judy McKinney contacted me to donate excellent surveyor's 1940s photos of and information on EPG buildings. She and her husband Mike own the Erie Industrial Park located at the former government facilities.

While Jane Reynolds Howerth was in town to visit her brother Bob Reynolds, she spent some time visiting the museum and discussing the Matthews Boat Company. We have a small number of items related to Matthews plus quite a lot of research done by others, in particular Linda (Miller) Creeger, who is a cousin of the Matthews/Reynolds and originally from Bascom. (When Jane was in the museum, Wyn Mayhew stopped by and they had a surprise reunion— happens often here).

Peggy

Memorials

For Janet Stephenson—Sandy Zenser, Peggy Debien.



HISTORY MYSTERY

Solved!

This was among many PC collectibles that Jeff Brown brought in. It says:

**Buy Your Shoes at
N I S S E N'S
Walk Over Boot Shop
Home Phone 220
Port Clinton
Ohio.**

Kathy Stover was first to identify it as a holder for a towel; Lenny Fetterman said the same, as did one anonymous caller.

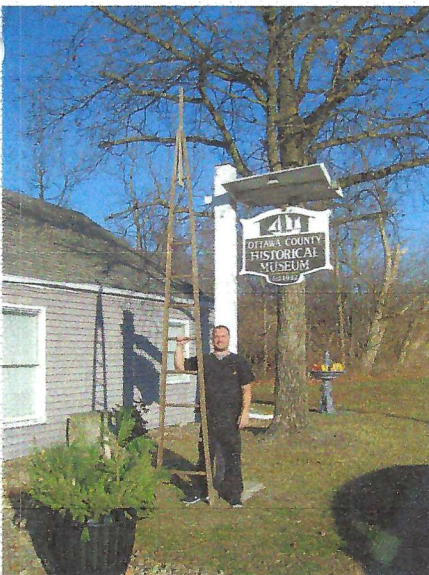
VOLUNTEERS: We provide many opportunities for you to get involved by volunteering—brief projects or weekly commitments: We need help with:

- Clerical work
- Work with artifacts and records
- Greet visitors at the museum
- Minor building maintenance
- Photo scanning/newsletter production
- Finding new members
- Entering inventory information in software

If you can give us some of your time, please call Peggy at 419-967-5533. Our volunteers are a wonderful resource of help and fun!

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Volunteer Alex Spasic rescued this fruit picker's ladder from Roy Baumann's farm in Danbury. Mr. Bauman also donated the movie posters he collected when he was young. We are glad to catch Alex between his shifts as a physician's asst. at Magruder Urgent Care. He is an enthusiastic volunteer in his rare spare time. Here he is on his one-hour break!

Our newest volunteer, Mary, and her husband Terry Live at Sand Beach in Oak Harbor. She grew up in East Toledo and retired from Toledo's West Side Montessori where she taught for 16 years and with another colleague initiated the middle school. She loved teaching about Ohio history and is now studying up on Ottawa County history, developing a new "scavenger hunt" for PCHS students. After retiring, she worked at Ida Rupp Public Library teaching computer skills and doing outreach in the community. She has updated our disaster preparedness and response plan, making it much better. Sometimes, she calls on her husband Terry to help out, so she is really a "two-fer!"

Mary Breymaier

