

**We're looking for:**

- Photos and stories of:
  - Floods/ice shoves
  - 1918 flu pandemic
  - Polio crisis 1940s/50s
  - Photos of agriculture
  - Rural Townships

**Donations:**

**Stephen L. Bell**, vintage postcards of Ottawa and Erie Counties.

**Randy Nissen**: Nissen family oral history transcriptions.

**Barbara Jensen Reasner**: Photos of Erie Gardens, History of Immaculate Conception Church, PCHS '43 reunion booklet.

**Ottawa County Community Foundation**: Funds for recognition of Purple Heart recipients and families.

**Hostrup Family**—photos and family albums, military and WWII information.

**Robert Reider**—obits and info on well-known county citizens.

# 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

Autumn 2024

Dear Friends,

As always, you, our members, have come through again to help us in another year of operation. If you have not joined or renewed, please use the form and envelope enclosed to support your museum. Expenses for operation of the museum are paid from the donations and memberships we receive.

We are still pursuing a larger space for the museum. But realizing this may take some time, we are looking to place some of our valuable artifacts in safe keeping. If you have a climate controlled storage facility and since the museum is a 501(c)3 non-profit, there can be a tax advantage to loaning a free space or giving a discount. Please consider helping!

On August 7, designated as Purple Heart Day, the Ottawa County Museum hosted a ceremony to honor those in the county who were recipients of Purple Heart medals. Family and friends attended the event held at the Liberty Aviation Museum. See the reverse side for photos and more information.

*Peggy*

### OUR BOARD MEMBERS:

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A very special **THANK YOU** to the following Lifetime Members who have made another \$1,000 donation:

**Diane and Hal Hawk**

**Duane and Betty Kokinda**

**Skip and Ellen Honsperger**



### HISTORY MYSTERY ANSWERED!

According to (the late) Frank Dubbert, the drainage tile at left was used for draining the Great Black Swamp. His son Dave brought this from the basement of his parents' former home on Perry St. in PC.



**NEW HISTORY MYSTERY!!** Museum member Kyle Johannsen brought in this sign found in his home, which is on the National Register. He believes it came from one of his wife's relatives, many of whom were doctors. According to the American Society for Microbiology, "From the 1920s until antibiotics were discovered in the 1940s, clinicians and public health officials could use the signs and symptoms of scarlet fever to isolate patients and prevent the spread of the deadly disease. This was achieved by placing quarantine signs in the windows of the homes of infected patients." Does anyone remember older relatives' or friends' stories of auarantines, from scarlet fever or other infections? We would like to add a story or two.

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Purple Heart Day honors for Ottawa County citizens were were made possible by grants from the Ottawa County Community Foundation, the county Veterans Services Commission, and the Neidecker, Crosser and Priesman Funeral Home, with refreshments prepared by the Tin Goose Diner staff. Pictured below are museum Board Member and Purple Heart Coordinator Dave Barth with Cpl. Roland Loolen on left and Pvt. Richard McCumber on right. Both recipients are Vietnam veterans. *Photos by Erin Caldwell, Sandosky Register*

