

We are giving away pre-1950s Revistas. Still looking for "newer" Revistas, from 1950 forward.

Donations:

Bill Streeter always brings things saved by his mom. Do you recognize these? Karl Krepel Plumbing and Heating, Dwight W. Fox Ceramic Tile, Gates Contractors and Builders, Paul Miller Plumbing & Heating, East Clinton Lumber & Coal, Mizener & Drynan Hardware, Zibbel & Sons Masonry, Black's Machine Shop.

Beverly Flynn: 1912 PCHS Class Shield. Photos of Loretta's Dry Goods Store.

Gary & Susan Rasmussen—PCHS Redskins Banners, 1932 Revista, Bataan Photo.

Jeff Dykeman brought a Lay's Brothers net float "back home" all the way from Arizona!

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends, As they say in the Navy, we have had a "change of command." After over 30 years at the helm, Jim Rusincovitch turned the conn over to Tom Priesman, who has also been on the museum board for many years. The board is looking for one or two new members, as Natalie Bredbeck also retired after many years on the board. If interested, please call or text president Tom Priesman at 419-349-8508.

MANY THANKS to the Lakeside Heritage Society, Cathy Venema, Cindy Grimm, and Melissa Ladd for their donation of two museum cases to our museum. The one pictured here was reassembled by handyman Greg Munoz and is being filled with fishing artifacts and photos including some of "my boat," the Peggy Sue!



Memorial Donations: Along with her husband Lock (who died several years ago), Mary Jane (Janie) Zeis was a member of the Ottawa County Museum Board for many years. She was a proud supporter of local history and both she and Lock were integral to the continuation and success of the museum. In recognition of their contributions, the board named the 2011 addition to the museum the Zeis Wing. Because so many people knew of her dedication to local history and the joy she found from being part of the museum, they honored her with their memorial donations:

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| Cindy Bolte | Lee & Natalie Bredbeck | Sue Homsy |
| Melissa Crohen & Family | Peggy Debien | Brian Lamoda-Genet |
| Kelly O'Brien | Herb & Jackie Roder | Wade & Carolyn Rusk |
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Follow us on Facebook: The Ottawa County Museum (Don't forget "The")
Look for "What's It Wednesday" to try to identify an artifact in the museum!



Many people in our county do not know who Victoria Cadaract was—Do you? Victoria Cadaract (c.1862—1915) was the last Native American living in Northwest Ohio. A Chippewa, she lived on what is today Chippewa Golf Club in Allen Township. She made her living by making and selling baskets, some of which exist in the area today. We have just received a donation of three of her baskets (pictured at the right) from Richard Taylor of Curtice, who was the President of the Ottawa County Historical Society for ten years. Along with the baskets, Dick donated an extensive collection of information about Victoria, much of it from Jim Blum, who lived near where Victoria had lived. In his donation, Dick included many notebooks of history from the west end of Ottawa County, which is not well represented in our museum. Since our museum is made up of donations, we encourage anyone else from the county, especially the west end, to consider donating items, books, history and manuscripts from their personal collections.



THANK YOU, Dick Taylor!!



We are pleased to announce we have a new staff member at the museum—our new Assistant Curator, Kaitlin Phillips. Kaitlin comes to us from Miami, FL, where she grew up. She is new to Ohio. She earned a Masters degree in Museum Studies from Marist University in Florence, Italy. She has worked at The Mark Twain House Museum in Hartford, CT, where she worked in the development department. She served a curatorial internship setting up exhibits and writing grants for the Cartoon Art Museum in San Francisco. She also worked at the Museum Association of New York. She has Past Perfect Museum Management experience, which we needed most of all as we work to put our collections on the Web and in the Cloud. In her free time, she enjoys writing and drawing, and last year she completed her first full marathon! She will be working 4 days a week, Tuesday through Friday. She has taken over our Facebook, in particular encouraging reader participation in identifying some of our more obscure artifacts and photos. Welcome, Kaitlin—our members will look forward to What's It Wednesday!

History Mystery from last newsletter NOT SOLVED! This carpenter's level was donated to the museum recently without info on who H. Tebbe is/was. **Who was he?**

