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New Feature

Have you ever looked for another way to honor or congratulate someone or to celebrate a special occasion?? The Historical Society offers a new opportunity to dedicate a Newsletter! For \$50 you can say "Happy Birthday", "Congratulations on Graduating or Retiring" or "Thank You". Checks and the information you want printed should be mailed to the Twinsburg Historical Society, PO Box 7, Twinsburg 44087. Please include your own contact info in case the Editor has a question.

This months Newsletter Dedication: Marjorie A. Pero

Miss Pero, age 96, passed away peacefully on March 29, 2020. Miss Pero was a life resident of Suffield, and graduated from Suffield High School. Marjorie received her master's degree from Kent State University, and retired from Twinsburg High School where she was a Science Teacher. Many of us will remember the leaf collection that we had to do and the many dissections we had to perform to pass biology. She was a member of St. Joseph Church in Randolph and the St. Joseph Ladies Bowling League. Margie's hobbies included quilting, sewing, needlepoint, crafts and gardening. She also enjoyed traveling, golfing, bowling and playing cards. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Our Trivia Challenge is over and the winner is....Dale Diersing!

As promised, here are the correct answers, to the best of our knowledge:

1. The first year for "Tales of Locust Grove" - 2008
2. Twinsburg was originally called Millsville because the southeast part of the township, where Ethan Alling settled, was owned by Mr. Mills and Mr. Hoadley. The name was changed to Twinsburg at the request of the Wilcox Twins. In return, the Twins donated six acres of land for the town square and \$20 towards the building of a school.
3. Twinsburg first got electricity in 1915 or 1916
4. 1976 - the first Twins celebration – part of the Country's bicentennial. It was named Twins Days in 1977.
5. Schools closed in 1918 because of the "Spanish Flu"
6. First High School State Championship – Girls' Basketball, 2011
7. Betty Quesenberry Tomko was Twinsburg's first female firefighter
8. First Library – 2010 – The Samuel Bissell Memorial Library

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September Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

August 30, 2PM-5PM, Open House at the Museum and the Riley House

September 2, 7PM, Trustee Meeting

September 12, 11am-4PM, Museum and Barn, **Olde Thyme Fayre**

September 13, 12PM-5PM, Museum and Barn, **Olde Thyme Fayre**

September 27, 2PM-5PM, Open House at the Museum

October 7, 7PM, Trustee Meeting

October 25, 2PM-5PM, Open House at the Museum and Riley House

November 4, 7PM, Trustee Meeting

November 22, 2PM-5PM, Open House at the Museum, **Program: National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors (2-4PM)**

December 2, 7PM-9PM, Riley House, **Annual Christmas Party**

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August has been a month of planning and preparing and transitioning to a new way of preserving history. We are working hard to keep the Museum relevant and the community safe and so we will share some of our plans.

We are still hosting our regular Open Houses on the last Sunday of every month. We have not scheduled any speakers but we have been working to reorganize the regular displays and add new ones. The Open House on August 30th will once again feature a table sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Hudson. You will be able to pick up absentee ballot applications and voter registration as well information about becoming a poll worker. The table will be in the parking lot, weather permitting, so it will not interfere with your museum experience.

The Virtual OTF

We are working on our plans for the Olde Thyme Fayre. It has been challenging to recreate our beloved event in virtual style. We will still be showcasing what people have grown or made at home, but we are asking that you take pictures instead of bringing them to the Barn and email them to oldethymefayre@gmail.com. We will post then on the website. Suggested categories might be hanging baskets, flower arrangements, produce (picked or growing), herbs, individual plants, or full landscapes. We always like sunflowers. Please limit your pictures to no more than two of each item. Pictures must be in by September 5.

Handmade items could be anything knitted, crocheted, sewn, woven, painted, etc. Please include your name and a description with every picture. This is an easy to showcase your special talents without ever leaving home. Since we are not judging any thing everyone is a winner.

There will be a video available describing our antique printing press operation. Lana Verbic and Carole Krupa, the ladies who create the Kids Krafts in "Charlotte's Corner" in the Barn are still working on some craft ideas to share online. They are getting help from Charlotte's daughter, Stephanie Wike. Check the Facebook page and website for any updates or new information.

All of this will be available through a link on the website.

We will miss the bake sale but it will be back next year better than ever.

We have taped a wonderful virtual tour of the museum. It is a quick and easy walk through some of our most interesting exhibits. It will also be a way for third graders to fill out their questionnaires. It will be a permanent feature on our website. Your guides are Beverly Klimas, Bonnie Williams, Kim Barrett Mulasky, Dr. Constance J. Longmire, Veronica Hughes, Ken Roddie and filmed by Keith Harris.

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Scavenger Hunt

This will be the only non-virtual part of this year's Olde Thyme Fayre - and there are rewards! The information, about Twinsburg's History, of course, is found by exploring the town Square and by looking along Church St. Questionnaires will be available on our website starting on Sept. 5

(www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org) or may be picked up at the Museum on Sept. 12 from 11:00 to 4:00 and the 13th from Noon until 5:00.

Completed questionnaires should be returned during those times and exchanged for a small prize. Prize donors, so far, include Handel's Ice Cream, George's Donuts, Dairy Queen, "R" Fun House, Twila's Treasures, 91 Nutrition, Dunkin Donut's and Master Crafts.

If the weather is nice, look for us in the parking lot in front of the Barn....if not, we'll be in the Barn or Museum. In either case, both buildings will be open for tours (with masks and distancing). And, we will be selling raffle tickets for our amazing dollhouse and quilt.

Tales of Locust Grove

As you may have guessed our beloved tour of the Locust Grove Cemetery is going virtual as well. We are working hard at the beginning of a long term project. We are filming Tales on location in our historical burial ground. Starting with some of our most iconic characters. This interactive video will be available in October. This will be an addition to the live event which will be back in 2021.

In tough times the tough get tougher. We are a mighty and creative group. As members you already recognize our value. Please share our notices and information. As we make history every day it is crucial that we chronicle it as it becomes our past. If you have interesting stories about your adventures in this pandemic please send them along.

All of our contact information is included in this Newsletter.

Special thanks to Keith Harris who has been the man behind the camera through much of this as has Webmaster Bob Davet.

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1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic:

The estimated deaths from the 1918 Pandemic made it one of deadliest in history. It came in two waves infecting about one-third of the population and killed 20 million.

The Spanish Influenza in Summit County was starting to peak in the fall of 1918.

Believed to have started in Spain the pandemic likely started in France, Britain, or the United States.

The symptoms were cold, like that included chills, fatigue, nausea, fever, sneezing, and coughing. Their lungs filled with fluid and struggled to breathe. Their skin turned a sickly blue. Whoever attended to the sick wore masks of several thicknesses of cotton over the nose and mouth. Those infected were strictly confined to sickrooms until fully recovered.

Spanish doctors are vehement in their denial that the disease which has already taken a toll in the United States originated in their country. The facts seem to bear them out. It is generally known that an influenza epidemic occurred during the summer of 1917, in nearly all of the south European countries, and in the fall and winter of 1917-18 reached the western front and sent many a soldier into a base hospital for a brief respite. Among the soldiers it took the name of "Three Day Fever" or "The Flu"; the latter being an abridgement for influenza, which was deemed too highbrow and cumbersome for trench use. As early as 1916 the disease was reported on the eastern front by German physicians. Its appearance in New York came late this summer.

Akron Beacon Journal
October 3, 1918

**CLEVELAND HAS
500 "FLU" CASES**

**Spread of Disease There is Not
Considered Alarming**

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 7.—According to health authorities here, Cleveland today has approximately 500 cases of Spanish influenza. One death and 75 new cases were reported yesterday, but the spread of the disease here is not considered alarming, although all precautions are being taken to curb the epidemic before it becomes widespread. Visiting at hospitals is being cut to one immediate relative of persons seriously ill each day, to eliminate danger of carrying the disease to weakened patients, and most hospitals in the city are setting aside wards in which no disease other than influenza will be treated.

Akron Beacon Journal
October 7, 1918

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To Prevent Influenza!

Do not take any person's breath.
Keep the mouth and teeth clean.
Avoid those that cough and sneeze.
Don't visit poorly ventilated places.
Keep warm, get fresh air and sunshine.
Don't use common drinking cups, towels, etc.
Cover your mouth when you cough and sneeze.
Avoid Worry, Fear and Fatigue.
Stay at home if you have a cold.
Walk to your work or office.
In sick rooms wear a gauze mask like in illustration.

It could have been worse without the efforts of the new director of the Akron Health Department, Charles T. Nesbitt. One of the early fatalities was a 26-year-old physician, Dr. Jane Darling Stevenson, who was serving her internship at a Philadelphia General Hospital. She died six days later. Within a week, dozens of cases were confirmed. Dr. Nesbitt announced, "We are in the initial stages of the influenza epidemic. Every city in the United States has passed through the stages which Summit County was now passing. Therefore, the doctors must re-

port every case which shows the symptoms of Influenza." Newspapers published the names of those who had died.

Helen Gibner, 15 McCoy st.
Felix Tasto, S. High st.
Elsa C. Lindell, 42 Alexander av.
Floyd McDonald, 333 Wheeler st.
Robert Bloomberg, 452 Water st.
Sam Richmond, 510 W. Market st.
Josephine Lupo, 125 Voris st.
Ethel Ueust, 957 Haynes st.
Rudy H. Winters, 33 S. Maple st.
Peter Korfus, 81 Wood st.
Minnie Owens, 194 E. Center st.
Aubia Bell, 840 Clark st.
Dessie Major, 68 Dudley st.
Henry P. Nuno, 497 E. Buchtel av.
George W. Brookover, Roscoe st.
Mary Karlick, 450 Wellington st.
Catherine Hilliard, 1120 Fourth av.

Anna Obast, 370 Kline st.
Mary Haber, 315 W. Market st.
Charles R. Miller, 217 Arc hst.
Charles W. Miller, 949 Switzer st.
Anna Barringer, 852 Beardsley st.
Cletus Robinson, 714 Gage st.
Ksenia Sherba, 112 Earle st.
Anita Meek, Summit hotel.

Anna Meeks, 806 Howard st.
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Lennie George, 577 Rhodes av.
Bernard Adler, 27 Goodwin av.
Clyde M. Hutchinson, 435 McGowan st.
Catherine Fitzgerald, 250 Kelly av.
George Bloesinger, 428 Louisa ct.

Walter Dudich, 495 Lucy st.
Charles Urban, 1142 Johnson st.
Rosa Ballas, 865 Berghoff st.
Anna Maba, 253 Steiner av.
Denny Terry, 541 Allendale st.
Kitty M. Chatman, 667 Gage st.
Will E. Pettit, 446 McGowan st.
Charles E. Myers, 1127 Fulton st.

ERNIE SAYS:

Dr. Nesbitt ordered the closing of all schools, churches, clubs, and theaters. All sporting events were canceled, including high school football games. On October 12, 1918 at midnight, all public and private gatherings in Akron were prohibited until further notice. Patients continued to flood Akron City Hospital, Children's Hospital, and Peoples Hospital. The closest Hospital to Twinsburg in 1918 was the Bedford Hospital. Twinsburg Dr. R.B. Chamberlin treated patients at his home and the Bedford Hospital.



Bedford Hospital



Twinsburg home of Dr. R.B. Chamberlin

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Dr. Nesbitt had the newly completed Akron Armory converted into a temporary Hospital. Hundreds of residents were treated at the Armory. Dr. Nesbitt ordered factories to refuse workers with colds, business owners were told to refuse service to those appearing ill. Businesses and streetcars were ordered to keep their windows open for fresh air. City leaders passed an emergency ordinance to ban spitting in public places or on sidewalks.



The Akron Armory 1918

DRUGGISTS STILL ASKED TO CONSERVE STOCKS OF VAPORUB NEEDED IN "FLU" DISTRICTS

Influenza Epidemic is Decreasing in Most Sections and the Demand is Slackening But We Are Still 18,000 Gross Behind on Orders and it Will Take Some Time to Catch Up.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

INFLUENZA

Spread by Droplets sprayed from Nose and Throat

Cover each COUGH and SNEEZE with handkerchief.
Spread by contact.
AVOID CROWDS.
If possible, WALK TO WORK.
Do not spit on floor or sidewalk.
Do not use common drinking cups and common towels.
Avoid excessive fatigue.
If taken ill, go to bed and send for a doctor.
The above applies also to colds, bronchitis, pneumonia, and tuberculosis.

Akron Beacon Journal November 8, 1918

New Members:

Keith Harris

Karen H. Disque

Renewing Members:

Eleanor Smith

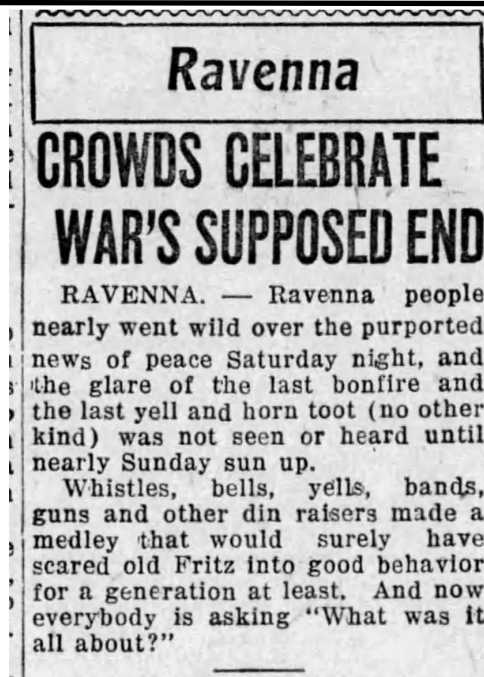
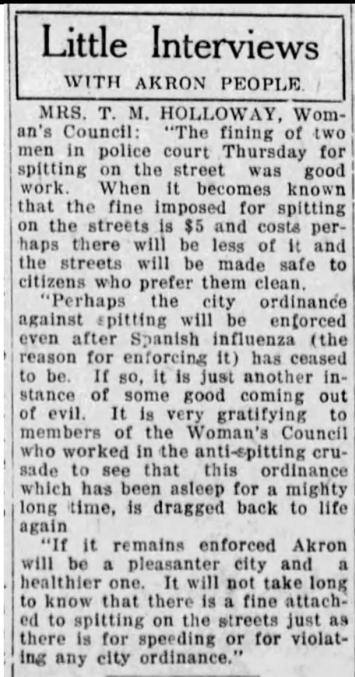
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Akron Evening Times October 11, 1918 Akron Beacon Journal October 15, 1918

All funerals were private. Only immediate family members could attend. Anyone caught violating the rules would be prosecuted. After weeks of dealing with overwhelming workloads, some health care workers suffered nervous breakdowns. Even Dr. Nesbitt had to take time off. The results in Summit County would have been worse if Dr. Nesbitt were not empowered to make the policy. Smaller towns like Twinsburg followed the actions of the larger cities. The meetings at the Twinsburg Grange and worship at the First Congregational Church were suspended. Twinsburg Schools were closed.

Overall, the Spanish Influenza sickened more than 7,000 in Akron, claiming at least 630 lives. To put it in perspective, the number of Akron men lost in World War I was 304. For comparison, the population of Twinsburg was 920, and one man lost in WWI.

The records for Locust Grove Cemetery list 15 burials in 1918.

The cause of death is unknown.

Ethan Alling - March 25, 1918	Wayne Boose - May 26, 1918	Dr. Zilpha Griste - 1918	Maria Macek - 1918
Anna Baldwin - 1918	Jane Carter - 1918	James Lindley - April 18, 1918	Arnold Mahlar - 1918
Sarah Bennett - 1918	John Day - 1918	Maria Macek - 1918	Newman Osborn - November 9 1918
Orland Bishop - 1918	Theresa Dell - 1918	Arnold Mahlar - 1918	

Big Thanks goes out to Dale Diersing for pulling all this information together on the 1918 Influenza Pandemic.

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Chase left M.A. Hanna Company in 1995 and founded ChromaScape three years later after purchasing controlling interest in Amerimulch. ChromaScape moved its headquarters to Twinsburg in 2005.

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Charitable Giving

The Historical Society relies upon the generous financial support of private individuals & of our local businesses to help us preserve and care for Twinsburg's historical legacy. We hope that you will help your Twinsburg Historical Society continue its important work by considering us in your will, trust or by beneficiary designation.

History is preserved not through government institutions but through the actions of selfless individuals who became aware of a momentous event or were touched personally, then inspired to do what they could do to save it. As a society we grow learning from our past and we hope you will join us in preserving this knowledge for the future.

Bequests in your will, trust or by beneficiary designation cost you nothing now. You can hold on to your assets for as long as you need them & you can change your beneficiaries at any time.

Leaving a financial gift in your will to charity is not done on a whim. It is a deeply personal decision that reflects your values and beliefs. It is an easy thing to do. Just contact your lawyer or financial advisor & tell them that you appreciate the Twinsburg Historical Society & want to support it for future generations with a gift by bequest in your will.

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