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July

Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar



Each year the Twinsburg Historical Society offers the Robert Culhan Scholarship to a deserving high school graduate. Our 2023 recipient is Edison Geul. Edison has a very impressive academic record, as well as many hours of community service with the Historical Society and other community groups. He is already a certified EMT, with plans to complete paramedic training and attend the Fire Academy at Tri-C. We wish him success in his further education.

Calling all children for an afternoon of Fun, Fun & more Fun.

On **Sunday, June 25 between 2pm & 5pm**, visit the Museum for an opportunity to play "historic" games of yesteryear. Some games will be new to you, others will be memories for your parents. Especially Hopscotch. Some say it was developed by the Chinese. Others say it was used by the Roman soldiers to play in order to Keep fit. The Romans soldiers played the game fully clad in heavy armor & the course was 100 feet long. But our course will only be around 10 feet long, and you don't have to wear anything heavy.

Come and enjoy an afternoon, where Fun will be the operative word and smiles will be the norm.

This is our usual Open House day. We have lots of space and you are more than welcome to visit and look around WITHOUT trying the games.



Additional note: Look for activities inside the Museum, Freeman Barn, and (weather permitting) the space in front of the Barn. Tickets will be given for participation and can then be redeemed for prizes. Plenty of parking behind the Freeman Barn.

Here comes another easy Fund Raiser for the Twinsburg Historical Society that everyone can help out with!! On Tuesday June 27th, it is **Twinsburg Historical Society Nite at The Basement Sports Bar and Grill**, 9224 Darrow Rd. Twinsburg. From 11AM—9:30PM The Basement will donate 10% of all orders (Dine in and carry out, Alcohol excluded) to the Twinsburg Historical Society. You can use the Flyer attached to this email or just mention the Twinsburg Historical Society to help us out with this event. Flyers can be downloaded on our website: www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org

Olde Thyme Fayre Notes:

We've had a question about items for display and judging in the Museum. "Would a Shadowbox be appropriate?". ABSOLUTELY. We are happy to have anything that someone makes. And items submitted by children are judged separately from those entered by adults. The Olde Thyme Fayre is Saturday, September 9, from 10:00 to 5:00 and Sunday from Noon to 5:00. There will again be a bake sale on Saturday, and the baking competition returns on Sunday. Watch for more details.

6/25/2023, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

6/27/2023, Basement Fund Raiser, 11AM-9:30PM (see article in newsletter)

7/5/2023, Open Mic Nite, 6:30PM, Freeman Barn

7/30/2023, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

8/2/2023, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

8/4/2023, Special Twins Days Open House, 12-4PM, Museum.

8/27/2023, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

9/6/2023, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

9/9/2023, Olde Thyme Fayre, 10AM-5PM, Museum and Freeman Barn.

9/10/2023, Olde Thyme Fayre, 12PM-5PM, Museum and Freeman Barn.

9/24/2023, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum & Riley House.

9/27/2023, Special Program, Museum, 7-8PM, "Underground Railroad", by Carol Grubb.

10/4/2023, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

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A Bit of History

Last month's Newsletter included a "teaser" about a special guest at our June 25 Open House. We referred to something that has been around since the mid-1800s and evolved from the Penny-farthing....a bicycle named for British coins: the large penny and the much smaller farthing. The pedals turned the large wheel (the penny) which allowed the rider to cover more distance with each pedal. Eventually people tried just one wheel - history sites say England and/or France....and the UNICYCLE was born.

We had hoped to have a visit on June 25 by a Twinsburg resident and his electric unicycle, but that has been postponed. Watch for news on social media or a future Newsletter for the new date.



We are joining with the Twinsburg Library to host the July 5th Open Mic in our iconic Freeman Barn. Starting at 6:30 local musicians will gather to perform for our entertainment. Each month the performers are given a challenge. July challenges are: Songs with Friends or Friendship as a theme or songs with bodies of water mentioned in them or songs by members of the Eagles, that they performed as solo artists. Everyone is invited to participate but you must register ahead of time through the library. Registration will start on June 21, 2023 at <https://twinsburglibrary.libcal.com/event/9938054>. No registration is required to be in the audience. This will be a fun night. Come to support the talent in town and enjoy the music. Bring your friends and family for another wonderful event. Bring lawn chairs for your comfort. The Freeman Barn is located at 9000 Darrow Road, next to Mr. Chicken and the Twinsburg Historical Society Museum at 8996 Darrow Rd. There is ample parking behind the Freeman Barn.

Your trustees have been busy planning for you. Check our calendar and mark your calendars so you do not miss any of the fun. We count on you to spread the word. Why not encourage your neighbors old and new to become members. The Membership fees are low and the rewards are great. Check our Facebook and our website page for updates and all the news we can think to print. Visit the gift shop too. Everything helps us to keep the doors open, the lights on, and the roof from leaking.

Interested in becoming more involved? Send us an email or message us on the Facebook page. Historical Society Memberships make wonderful welcome gifts for the new kids in town. Please share this with at least two friends and ask them to share with two friends and let's see what happens.

Are you a person that just wants to get involved with the Historical Society as a volunteer? Please consider signing up as a THS Volunteer. It is simple, Just fill out the Volunteer Information Sheet and we will put you on our Volunteer list. When things come up we will contact you and give you dates, times and what we need help with. You can download the form by scanning this QR Code. You can also fill out the online form on our website: www.twinsburghistoricalsociety.org



"The challenge of history is to recover the past and introduce it to the present."

David P Thelen

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SOLON TO TWINSBURG

A JOURNEY DOWN SOM CENTER ROAD,
NORTH STREET. ROUTE 91, DARROW ROAD,

OR AS YOU LIKE IT

By William T. Gillie

Part 5

On some occasions, our trip to the Chamberlain home was by bicycle; on others by horse-and-buggy, and still others by Jim riding our out-sized pony Nellie while I rode a bike or walked. The latter mode of travel was adopted because when Nellie had to await two end-to-end lessons, she became restless, hence impatient, hence angry, hence dangerous. She had built-in time limits for every imposition of harness upon her liberty.

Moving southward and across the road from the Chamberlain place, at the southeast corner of SOM Center and what was then called Gillie Road, there was a farm operated by a Mr. Thompson from whom, on occasion, Mother bought eggs.

A farmer, to the best of my recollection, named Horvath occupied a ramshackle house on the west side of the road. All I remember of him was that he had a heavy Central European accent, a bushy drooping moustache, and a small herd of dairy cattle. The latter pastured on Mr. Snyder's ground just north of our place and, on one notable occasion, provided an interesting and exciting day for youngsters.

One of the Holstein cows had strayed too near the edge of a wide crevice some twenty-five feet deep. Losing her footing, she had plunged forward in such a way that her head struck the rock on the opposite side of the fissure. The weight of her falling body broke her neck, and the ground upon which she fell between the rocks became her last resting place.

This Month in History: July

1964 The Civil Rights Act of 1964 is signed into law by President Johnson.

1947 The Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF) issue a press release stating that personnel had recovered a crashed "flying disc" from a ranch near Roswell

1936 The Spanish Civil War starts as a revolt by right wing Spanish military officers in Morocco which spreads to mainland Spain.

1952 Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States.

1978 Lesley Brown gave birth to the world's first test tube baby (in-vitro fertilization) delivered by caesarean section in Oldham, England

Trivia Challenge:

Who was the first Republican Vice President of the United States?

- A. Schuyler Colfax
- B. Andrew Johnson
- C. Hannibal Hamlin
- D. Abraham Lincoln

The Republican Party first came to power in the election of 1860 when it won control of both houses of Congress and Abraham Lincoln was elected president. Lincoln's vice president that year was Hannibal Hamlin who was chosen in part to bring geographic balance to the ticket and in part because, as a former Democrat, he could work to convince other anti-slavery Democrats that their future lay with the Republican Party.

Answer: C

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