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*The Twinsburg Historical Society would like to wish everyone a
Happy and Safe New Year.*

The passing of Hubert Brandon on 11/25/23 brought tears to my eyes. "Hubie" was an inspiration, an educator, a civil rights activist, & a mentor to people in Twinsburg Heights and my hometown of Twinsburg, Ohio. The Brandon Family is rightfully recognized by name on the dedication page of the novella I released on Amazon, "Lightning Bugs And Aliens." Your spirit is here to move us forward with a renewed sense of purpose and principle. I take great pride in his having called me a "brother." This Facebook story he posted about his dad has always resonated for me. It's the kind of man he was too.

Daniel Babka

Author of two books set in Twinsburg. They are available in the Historical Society Gift Shop.

Remember.....

Twinsburg Historical Society Membership Dues are going up on January 1, 2024.

Local author Marion Starling Boyer will be back again at the Riley House on Tuesday, February 6, to talk about another book, Ice Hours is a suite of poems set in majestic and severe Antarctica, chronicling the nearly forgotten story of the Ross Sea party who sailed on the Aurora at the beginning of World War I to support Sir Ernest Shackleton's 1914-1917 Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition on the Endurance. There is so much more to this story. Boyer is an excellent researcher and a powerful story teller.

Update: Riley House Roof Follow up.

We would like to thank all that helped by donating to the Riley Roof Fund. We currently have raised \$3580 out of the \$12,890 that is needed. The roof has been replaced but your help is still needed. The cost of replacing the roof on this historic building is much more than the donations that we have received. If you can find it in your heart to help us with a kind donation to help defray these costs, it would go a long way in helping us cover this needed repair.

Yes, this is the January 2024 issue of the THS Newsletter, but it goes out in December 2023!! If you are looking for a end-of-year place to donate to for tax purposes, we will gladly accept your donation. Any amount is helpful. We are a 501 3c entity so any amount that you donate is a tax deduction for you. Please consider donating . Thank you.

2024

January Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

1/10/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, First Congregational Church.

1/28/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

2/6/2024, **Special Program**, 7PM, Riley House. "Shackleberg/ Antartica" Program by Marion Starling Boyer.

2/7/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, First Congregational Church.

2/24/2024, **Special Program**, 1PM, First Congregational Church, "Unity Celebration".

2/25/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

3/6/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, First Congregational Church.

3/24/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

4/3/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

4/28/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

5/1/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

5/26/2024, Open House, 2-5PM, Museum.

6/5/2024, Trustee Meeting, 7PM, Museum.

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Did you miss the program on the Edmund Fitzgerald?

Well, you missed a very good program. Fortunately, we were able to have it video recorded but Jeff Ring (aka "Jim"). We will have it on our website once we get it downloaded and fine tuned. We would like to thank Mike Zronek and his wife Gail for putting on this program for us. It was a very informative and interesting topic. We would also like to thank Elisa Unangst for her performance of "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" by Gordon Lightfoot. She did a fantastic job and it was a great way to kick off this program!!

We had over 50 people in attendance!! Thank you to all that attended. With attendance like this it makes all the work involved with these programs worth it!!

January Open House:

Mark your calendar for the first Museum Open House in 2024 - January 28. With just a little over two weeks to go until Valentine's Day, this will be the perfect place to indulge your creative self and make some Valentines. We will provide the fancy materials and will have plenty of table space so that you can spread out. Children of all ages are more than welcome.

It's also an opportunity to see our collection of Victorian era Valentines. We'll be open from 2:00 -5:00 - no charge.

Holiday Visits:

And, although there is no official December Open House, Trustees are available to open the Museum for visits by appointment. If you have family or friends in from out of town and are looking for something fun (and free!) we would be happy to help. Just leave a message on our phone (330-487-5565) or email: president@twinsburghistoricalsociety.org

Christmas Party at the Museum wrap-up:



We had about 17-20 attendees that ranged from Trustees to Members to new guests. Holiday music was in the air and many people wore their Ugly Christmas Sweaters. Everyone brought some snack to share. There was plenty of food and drinks for all. We had the drawing for the Quilt which was won by Stephanie Wike. This raffle also helped raise \$540 for the Twinsburg Historical Society. We also had a game of "Guess how much candy is in the jar. That was won by Colton Maslar. He is 6 yrs old and loves history and Presidential information. The prize for this was the jar of candy.



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

David P Thelen

Renewing Members:

Ronald & Cheri Eyink
Donna & Diana Beck
Robert & Judy Schuller
John & Jean Pavelich
Ralph & Katherine Linton

New Members:

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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 10

The farm consisted of 120 acres on the west side of the road supplemented, complemented, if you will, by six acres on the east side. The land was bought from Daniel Richardson by my grandfather Robert Johnston Gillie. The acreage east of the road was acquired to obtain control over the two spring streams which fed Grandfather's grist and saw mills. These were located in the pasture south of the large house Grandfather built on the west side of the road to house his family of eventually six children.

It, would be beyond the scope of our trip down the road to dwell upon the rich experience of growing up in the surroundings of the farm on SOM Center Road.

Reminiscence would fill a book digressive from the present purpose.

Of Father's siblings, only one, Aunt Jean, widowed when her husband was killed by a horse, retained her share of the property. Father bought the shares of the other four.

Aunt Jean, during my pre-teen years, built a house on the west side of 91 at the curve where the road comes down over the ledge of rock from Snyder's roadside pasture. Aunt Jean's second husband, hence our Uncle Les Caldwell, was an expansively genial man from Kentucky, large of body and heart. Uncle Les operated a Sunoco gas station in town where he purveyed the most delicious ice cream.

Aunt Jean baked a mean chocolate cake, approximately every four weeks. She and I reached an understanding that when I saw Uncle Les' long underwear,

This Month in History: January

1937 Federal Old Age Pensions Started

1938 March of Dimes Foundation Created

1933 Work is started on The Golden Gate Bridge across the San Francisco Bay.

1934 Loch Ness Monster Spotted

1936 Henry Ford established the Ford Foundation

1935 First Canned Beer Sold

1933 New Hourly Wage Rate set at 35 cents per hour

1939 Nationalists enters Barcelona Spanish Civil War

1938 Honeymoon Bridge across Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada collapses

1931 Banks Go Bust by the thousands following losses during the Wall Street Crash

Trivia Challenge:

Who was the first European to discover New Zealand?

- A. Marco Polo
- B. Abel Janszoon Tasman
- C. James Cook
- D. Marc-Joseph Marion Du Fresne

The first European explorer to discover New Zealand was Abel Janszoon Tasman on 13 December 1642. Captain James Cook, who reached New Zealand in October 1769 on the first of his three voyages, was the first European to circumnavigate and map New Zealand.

Answer: B

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