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This Newsletter is dedicated to Beverly Klimas who recently moved from Twinsburg and has resigned as a Historical Society Trustee. Beverly had been one of our Trustees since April of 2016 and served in many capacities. She was Secretary for more than three years and, after that, worked extensively in creating displays at both the Museum and the Riley House. She was an enthusiastic educator and frequently donned her long skirt and bonnet to portray an authentic pioneer woman during special events and open houses. We will miss Beverly and her energy and ideas but will also look forward to some visits from time to time.

WIN A BOOK!

On March 30th we will have a program presented by Wendy Koile. She has authored several books and speaks on a variety of topics....including "Small Towns of Ohio That Made National News". We chose this program because she mentions Twinsburg - something from 1903. Can you figure out what it is??

Let us know and win a book - either the infamous "Green Book" (Twinsburg from 1817-1917) or the Twinsburg Picture Book from 2017. ("Explore Twinsburg") Email your guess to president@twinsburghistoricalsociety.org or tell a Trustee or, best yet, come on March 30th and tell us before the program starts at 3:00. The program is during Open House (2:00-5:00). There is no charge AND we will have refreshments.

Join us for our Annual Unity Celebration on 2/22/2025, the last Saturday in Black History Month. Once again we will gather for an afternoon of music and entertainment at the First Congregational Church in Twinsburg at 9050 Church Street on the Square. The festivities begin at 2:00 PM and will be followed by food and fellowship. This is an opportunity to meet your local city officials from Twinsburg City, Township and Reminderville. This is a perfect opportunity to meet your fellow community members and to reunite with people you haven't seen in a while. Come as a family. Bring the kids and grandkids. Plenty of room and food for all.

Mark your calendars now and check the Website and the Face Book page for updates.

Mark your calendars now and join us at our Annual Meeting !!
All are Welcome! Members or not!!

May 3, 2025 is our Annual Meeting. Bring a dish to share, your table service and come have a good meal with us!! Program to be decided, but we are sure it will be an interesting one. We are having it at the First Congregational Church on the Square. (9050 Church St.) Plenty of parking on the street or around behind the church. Doors open at 4:30PM. We plan to eat at 5:00PM. Will have a brief meeting right after dinner around 6:00PM and the program will follow that.

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Mark Your Calendar

2/22/2025, Unity Celebration, 2-4PM, First Congregational Church

2/23/2025 Open House, 2-5PM, (Museum)

3/5/2025 Trustee Meeting, 6:30PM, Museum

3/30/2025 Open House, 2-5PM, (Museum) Special Program starts at 3PM, "Small Towns of Ohio That Made National News" by Wendy Koile

4/2/2025 Trustee Meeting, 6:30PM

4/27/2025 Open House, 2-5PM, (Museum) (Tech Day)

5/3/2025 Annual Meeting, 4:30PM, First Congregational Church.

5/7/2025 Trustee Meeting, 6:30PM,

5/25/2025 Open House, 2-5PM, (Museum & Riley) (Memorial Day Weekend)

6/4/2025 Trustee Meeting, 6:30PM

6/29/2025 Open House, 2-5PM, (Museum)

7/2/2025 Trustee Meeting, 6:30PM,

7/27/2025 Open House, 2-5PM, (Museum & Riley)

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Pictured (left) are the Goggins family, making Valentines at the Historical Society during January's Open House. It was a busy afternoon - people explored the Museum, learned about weaving and quilting in the craft room, enjoyed homemade cookies, and made Valentines. They took some of the Valentines home, but many were left in our Valentines for Vets box. We've offered the chance to make Valentines in the past, but participating in "Valentines for Vets" is new. Our Valentines, 21 beautiful creations, were delivered to the Akron office of our US Representative, Emilia Sykes. From there they will be distributed to area Veterans through local service organizations. Thanks to all who contributed!

Feel like making a "Random" Donation to the Twinsburg Historical Society ?

Use your smart phone camera and scan this QR Code!!! We are a Non-Profit 5013C. All donations are tax deductible. We appreciate your support!! Thank you!!



Are you a person that 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:

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(We have tried to accommodate everyone's level of technology for this)



Every year Dolly Raines and the Tuesday Morning Crafters produce a quilt for raffle. Tickets are sold all year and the drawing is held at our Holiday party in early December. This has been going on since 2007 and has resulted in over \$10,000 being donated to the Historical Society. Last year's raffle brought in \$540.

The 2025 quilt is almost finished and ready for display in the Craft Room at the Museum. It is "Vintage Flowering Baskets" and is pictured here. Tickets (\$5.00/ticket) will be available at all Open House's and programs.

The crafters donate their time and all materials that go into the quilt.

Here is the 2025 Quilt. Get your tickets from any Trustee!!



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Renewing & New Members:

Shaun & Breanne Castillo

Barry & Karon Taylor (1 yr)

Renewing Business Partners:

Emery Electric Inc. (7 yrs)

Johnson Romito Funeral Home (7 yrs)

This month's Featured Business Partner:



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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

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Julian Fessenden, a lovable, eccentric, elderly gentleman, lived in the near-downtown area on the road. He had lost the lower half of one ear, reputedly when an automobile had knocked him forward into his own wheelbarrow.

Julian and John Schmalzle shared a mutual antipathy. A mention of either to the other was similar to pulling the pin on a hand grenade. We are now in what was the village of Twinsburg. Facing the square from SOM Center Road we find the Twinsburg Bank to our right across the street. Now underfoot is the board walk in front of Maxam's Butcher Shop. Mr. Maxam is the archetype of the craft of butcher. He is comfortably rotund, muscular, and suitably aproned for his work. His hearty smile is for every passerby as he stands in front of his shop sharpening a grown-up knife with a hand-held whetstone of about the same length as the blade. The swit-swat, swit-swat of his task continues throughout his inquiry into our welfare as we pass. Through the screen door, the large cutting block, its holsters full of knives, can be seen dominating the sawdust covered floor, a picture from a vanished past.

At the end of Maxam's board walk there are two wide and deep blocks of sandstone steps leading up to the well-worn stone walk past the A. E. Bishop General Store.

This account of best recollection of a trip down SOM Center Road some time during the years 1920 - 1935 must end with the arrival in town. No Spoon River Anthology here, but just the moss gathered by a stone which rolled through

This Month in History: March

March 3, 1913 - A women's suffrage march in Washington D.C. was attacked by angry onlookers while police stood by. The march occurred the day before Woodrow Wilson's inauguration. Many of the 5,000 women participating were spat upon and struck in the face as a near riot ensued. Secretary of War Henry Stimson then ordered soldiers from Fort Myer to restore order.

March 5, 1946 - The "Iron Curtain" speech was delivered by Winston Churchill at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. Churchill used the term to describe the boundary in Europe between free countries of the West and nations of Eastern Europe

Birthday - Wyatt Earp (1848-1929) was born in Monmouth, Illinois. He became a legendary figure in the Wild West as a lawman and gunfighter, best known for the shootout at the O.K. Corral in 1881, in which the Earp brothers (Wyatt, Virgil and Morgan) fought and defeated the Ike Clanton gang

Trivia Challenge:

How did Mary Ludwig Hays earn the nickname "Molly Pitcher"?

- A. Throwing a Baseball
- B. Bringing Water to Soldiers
- C. Writing Political Pamphlets
- D. Firing a Cannon

Answer: B
At the Battle of Monmouth in June 1778, Mary Ludwig Hays attended to the Revolutionary soldiers by bringing them water, often under heavy fire from British troops.

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