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"Tech Sunday". Sunday, April 27 is the Open House from 2:00 to 5:00. We will welcome the super smart National Honor Society Students who will be on hand to answer all your tech questions. Bring your cell phone, tablet or laptop and all your questions. Manuals are great but there is no substitute for hands on experience. Maybe it's time to delete duplicate photos or the accidental snap shots of your shoes. If you have replaced one of your devices these are just the folks to help you restore all the stuff hanging in the cloud. Wander the museum as you wait. There is always something new to discover.

So, If you were wondering about the "Big News Coming Next Month" teaser in the April THS

Newsletter, well I will briefly explain what that is.

Dan Simecek Sr. was a former Twinsburg Historical Society Trustee and Fire Chief of Twinsburg. He acquired the first new fire truck that Twinsburg purchased in 1934. You may have seen him driving it in a Twins Days parade.



Since his passing, it has been stored in his garage and his son Dan Simecek Jr. decided that it was time to sell it.

Both the Twinsburg Historical Society and the Twinsburg Firefighter Union Local 3630 both had interest in making this purchase. So, both groups came together and purchased it as a joint effort to retain a part of Twinsburg's history and keep it in town. This is something that Dan Sr. would be very proud of.

Currently it is sitting in the Freeman Barn awaiting transport to a local shop that will go over it and make sure it is road worthy.

There will be upcoming and reoccurring expenses for the truck. We always accept donations that will be put toward these expenses. If you feel so inclined to donate toward this endeavor just mark your check as "Truck" and we will put that in our "Repair Fund"!! All donations are tax deductible.

May 3 - A Saturday...It's our Annual Meeting and Potluck. This will be at the First Congregational Church, 9050 Church St. Bring your own table service and a dish to share. Doors open at 4:30, we'll eat around 5:00 and have a short meeting at 6:00. The program starts at 6:30 and should be a winner. It's "Growing up Cleveland - Barnaby, Captain Penny and Ghoulardi". It will be presented by Dennis Sutcliffe, a lifelong Clevelander, who has been doing "Lost Cleveland Memories" programs since 2013.

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Mark Your Calendar

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

5/3/2025 Annual Meeting, 4:30PM, First Congregational Church. **Special Program:** "Growing up Cleveland - Barnaby, Captain Penny and Ghoulardi". It will be presented by Dennis Sutcliffe (*Potluck meal, bring a dish to share and table service, Doors open at 4:30PM, Dinner at 5:00PM, Short meeting at 6:00PM, Presentation at 6:30PM*)

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)

8/1/2025 Special Twins Days Open House (Museum 2-4PM)

8/6/2025 Trustee Meeting, 6:30PM

8/31/2025 Open House, 2-4PM, (Museum)

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PLANNING AHEAD:

It's true - September is several months in the future. But we are already making plans for this year's Olde Thyme Fayre - September 6th and 7th. Think of blue ribbons as you look ahead to planting produce and flowers. Make your family and neighbors happy as you practice for the baking contest (challenge to be announced in the next month or two). And think about what home-made items you might want to display. People do like to see other peoples' crafts and we always have room for display.

We'll have more to share in coming months.

Our recent program concerning small towns in Ohio was quite well attended. Wendy Koile entertained us with several interesting stories, including one about a phantom car driving on Route 91 in Twinsburg! We had two winners in our contest to find the event that put Twinsburg in the news in 1903. For those of you who are curious, it was a scarlet fever epidemic that originated in Twinsburg and spread to the surrounding areas. 7 year old Colton Maslar was one of the winners of our contest to find out what happened in 1903 in Twinsburg that made National News. The other winner left before we could get her name and photo.



Long Lost Structures:



Bandstand on the Square



Corbett's Farm and Farmhouse



Babka's Tavern Best Burgers in town!!



Original "Old School"

Renewing & New Members:

Angela Davis (7yrs) Drew Baird (6yrs) Betty Schatz (6yrs) Mary Stencil (2yrs) Bekki Salamon (2yrs) Bert Zahn (14yrs)

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Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce (6yrs)

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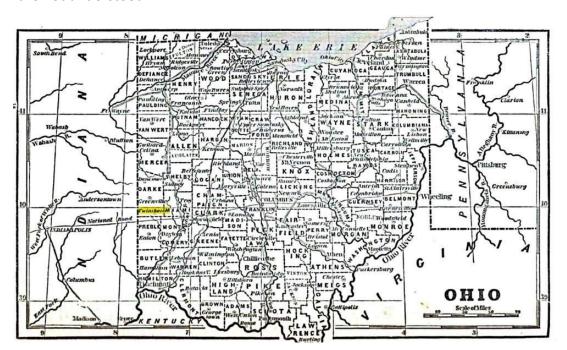
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TWINSBORO FOLKLORE (1 of 9)

The term "TWINSBORO" has been used to refer to people or events in Twinsburg for 120 years, but there is no documented evidence indicating that it was specifically used to describe the blend of Twinsburg and nearby Streetsboro. The lack of information opens the possibility that locals may have informally referred to the combined area, but no formal recognition or usage of "TWINSBORO" in that context was found.

In the early history of Darke County, Ohio, there was a settlement known as Twinsboro near the Indiana and Ohio border. However, this early settlement disappeared during the development of Darke county. Perhaps the term of "Twinsboro" in Darke County was associated with twins or twin culture. Interestingly, the term appears in other states without refences to Ohio – Massachusetts - Texas, and California without a documented historical context, indicating that the term may have been adopted in various places for reasons that are not understood.



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

This Month in History: May

May 5, 1893 - The Wall Street Crash of 1893 began as stock prices fell dramatically. By the end of the year, 600 banks closed and several big railroads were in receivership. Another 15,000 businesses went bankrupt amid 20 percent unemployment. It was the worst economic crisis in U.S. history up to that time.

May 7, 1992 - The 27th <u>Amendment</u> to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, prohibiting Congress from giving itself pay raises.

May 13, 1846 - At the request of President James K. Polk, Congress declared war on Mexico. The controversial struggle eventually cost the lives of 11,300 U.S. soldiers and resulted in the annexation of lands that became parts of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Utah and Colorado. The war ended in 1848 with the <u>Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo</u>.

May 30, 1783 - The *Pennsylvania Evening Post* became the first daily newspaper published in America.

Trivia Challenge:

Which of these events was the first military engagement of the Revolutionary War?

- A. Boston Tea Party
- B. Boston Massacre
- C. Battles of Lexington & Concord
- D. Battle of Bunker Hill

organized by the Patriots.

Answer: C The Battles of Lexington and Concord were "the shots heard round the world" and marked the start of the Revolutionary War in April 1775. The battles began when British troops tried to seize weapons and ammunition from secret depots ons and ammunition from secret depots

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