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### Special 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: John Percy

This month's Newsletter is sponsored by Ed and Audrey Kancler and dedicated to John Percy, Audrey's brother. John grew up in Twinsburg and graduated from R.B. Chamberlin High School in 1965. Although he has lived mostly in Florida and California, John has maintained his interest in Twinsburg and is a perpetual member of the Historical Society. John's birthday is June 12.....Happy Birthday John!

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### A Little Mail Pouch Barn History

Reading the dedication of the March Newsletter to Alice and Franklin Hoon brought a flood of memories to Marge Percy, a founding member and past President of the Historical Society.

She was President in the late 1980's, when the Barn needed painting and the Society wondered where it would find the money for the job. Fran Murphy, a long-time Akron Beacon Journal reporter published something on Mail Pouch barn painter Harley Warrick and told Marge about him. When Marge contacted him, he was nearing retirement but agreed to paint the Barn with some conditions: (1)the sign had to be visible from a major highway and (2)approval by local government were two of the criteria that Marge recalled.

The labor was free but Mr. Warrick lived in West Virginia and would need a place to stay.

As it turned out, Marge and her husband had a trip planned, with reservations made, for the dates scheduled for painting. What to do? Marge quickly thought of Franklin and Alice Hoon. "Alice was a wonderful hostess and Franklin was an artist, so it was perfect," Marge recalled. Obviously the Hoons agreed to the plans and the rest, of course, is history.

And the cost of the paint? Marge reports "somehow Dave Murch was able to get Sherwin Williams to donate the paint."

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One of the iconic members of the Twinsburg Community, **John Richard Curry** was laid to rest on Monday, June 7, from the Hope Community Church in Hudson. So many of his family and friends gathered to celebrate his life and to accompany him to his final resting place at Crown Hill. He gave so much to this community. He will be missed but his spirit lives on.

# 2021

## July

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### Mark Your Calendar

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June 27, 2021, 2PM-5PM, Open house at the Museum, Riley House and the Barn.

July 7, 2021, 7PM, Trustee Meeting at the Museum.

July 25, 2021, 2PM-5PM, Open house at the Museum.

August 4, 2021, 7PM, Trustee Meeting at the Museum.

August 6, 2021, 12PM-4PM, Special TwinsDay Open House

August 29, 2021, 2PM-5PM, Open house at the Museum

September 1, 2021, 7PM, Trustee Meeting at the Museum.

September 11, 2021, 10AM-5PM, Olde Thyme Fayre at the Museum

September 12, 2021, 12PM-5PM, Olde Thyme Fayre at the Museum.

September 26, 2021, 2PM-5PM, Open house at the Museum.

October 6, 2021, 7PM, Trustee Meeting at the Museum.

October 15, 2021, Tales of Locust Grove, Time TBD

October 16, 2021, Tales of Locust Grove, Time TBD

Story Telling at the Barn TBD

October 31, 2021, 2PM-5PM, Open house at the Museum

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Are you or is your group looking to donate some time and labor? Do you like working in a flower garden? Would you like to “Adopt a Bed”? The Historical Society is looking for someone or some group to give one of our flower gardens at the Riley house some TLC. If you are interested please contact the museum via email at:

[president@twinsburghistoricalsociety.org](mailto:president@twinsburghistoricalsociety.org) or call 330-487-5565 and leave a message and someone will get back to you.

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### Hopefully.....the Olde Thyme Fayre!

With cautious optimism we are making plans for an in-person, activity-filled Olde Thyme Fayre. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11 and 12. Some parts will be different and some the same - but we wanted to give you plenty of notice so that you can plan. Home-grown produce and flowers will again be welcome at the Barn - please nurture your healthiest and be ready for ribbons. Home crafted items, whether sewn, knitted, crocheted, woven, painted, carved, embroidered....etc.!....will be in the Museum. Perhaps you learned a new craft during the past crazy year - bring it in and show it off!

Something new this year - a chance to display your vintage car. We know there are several in the area, and they are always of interest. There will be more information and more details in the next Newsletters and, of course on our website and Facebook page. Keep checking back!

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The first summer Open House on Memorial Day weekend was a huge success. We had good attendance at both the Museum and the Riley House. Veronica Hughes led tours of the house and offered copies of her book “*Beyond the Monument*”. They are now \$5.00, so if you have been waiting for a bargain, that time is now.

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Folks came to pick up their Babka’s shirts and stayed to tour the exhibits. Kim Barrett Malusky reported that we made over \$900.00 from the tee shirt sale. The response was so good that she is going to extend the sale. She will be posting the link on the website and the Facebook page. Shout out to Imagine That the company that created and marketed the shirts, and Kim who had the idea in the first place. We had a lot of satisfied customers.

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We hope you are marking your calendars for all the great events that are coming soon. As restrictions lift, we are bringing back just about everything we couldn’t do because of the pandemic. We are still taking care and we ask that if you have yet to be vaccinated that you wear a mask when you come to visit.

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We will be hosting our Twins Day Open House on Friday August 6 from 12:00 to 4:00. Olde Thyme Fayre will be back on Saturday, September 11 and Sunday September 12 and Tales of Locust Grove is On October 15 and 16.

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If you are interested in being a part of any of these events send us a message on Facebook or the website or an email. We are looking for more members to step up to help with our Open Houses. It is a lot of fun and we will train you for the job. If you would like to be on that list, contact us and we will give you the details. High School students are welcome too.

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One of the perks of membership is that you can have special access to the Museum, the Barn, or the Riley House for staging those special photos. Contact us for more information and to schedule a time. One of your trustees will take care of you. There is absolutely no charge but of course we never turn down a donation.

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## New Members:

Grace Condelli

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## Renewing Members:

Constance Longmire

Charles Gant

Virginia Richner

Dan & Susan Branisel

John Capozzoli

Patricia Jabre

Joseph Bauman

Bea Adzema

Jill J. Mathieu

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The next Open House is on June 27 from 2:00 to 5:00. The Museum, the Riley House and the Barn will all be open. We will have quilt raffle tickets, books, gifts and tee shirts so don’t forget to bring a little cash. There are some new exhibits too.

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The Original Old School Bell getting a new home via an Eagle Scout Project. More to come as the project progresses.



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## TWINSBURG SCHOOL TIMELINE by D. Diersing 2015

**1819** – In exchange for renaming the Township from Millsville to Twinsburg the Wilcox Twins donated 6 acres of land for a Public Square and \$20 for construction of a school building. .

**1822** – The first log schoolhouse was built with \$20 on the 6 acres of land donated by the Wilcox Twins. It was the first public building in Twinsburg. Lavina Merriam was the first teacher. The desks consisted of a wide shelf around the wall which the pupils faced. They sat upon long benches. The benches in front of the room were smaller for the younger pupils. The studies pursued were the three R's.



Two years later, Lavina married church Deacon Junia North and lived on Rt. 82 where they raised their seven children .

Shortly after the Congregational Society was formed they agreed to build a two story meeting house on the Square, the lower story to be used for a school and the upper story used for Church services. Years later when this building was torn

down, classes were moved to the Methodist Church.

**1823** - A town meeting was held at the school house and a vote was taken to keep the Square free of public buildings.

**1828** – Rev. Samuel Bissell closes his Aurora School and moves to Twinsburg to become the pastor of the Presbyterian Church and society. The church builds Rev. Bissell a log block house just west of Twinsburg square. On the same lot as the house also stood a 20 by 30 log building that was once a shoe shop. In the fall, the former shoe shop was fitted with seats and Rev. Bissell opened a select school. Forty students were enrolled. Tuition was \$2 per quarter.

**1831** – November, the Congregationalist dedicate a new Meeting House on the east side of the Square. Rev. Bissell used the building for preaching on the Sabbath and teaching school during the week. In 1843 Rev. Bissell leaves the Church to devote all his time to teaching and opens the Twinsburg Institute.

This Meeting House later became part of the Twinsburg Institute (Lyceum Hall) and later used as a Twinsburg district 1 school house until 1886.



**1835** – Single room log schoolhouses were built throughout the township. Twinsburg originally had ten "District Schools". Students walked to school and were required to provide 1/3 cord of wood or pay 75 cents each year to heat the schoolhouse.

## This Month in History: July

**July 6, 1942** Anne Frank and her family take refuge in a secret sealed-off area of an Amsterdam warehouse to escape being sent to Nazi concentration camps

**July 24, 1969** Apollo 11, the U.S. spacecraft that had taken the first astronauts to the surface of the moon, safely returns to Earth

**July 30, 1965** The Social Security Act of 1965 was signed by U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson which established the nation's Medicare and Medicaid programs, financed by higher Social Security payroll taxes.

## Trivia Challenge:

Which of the following inventions was the first to be patented?

### Answers:

- A. Dishwasher
- B. Rubber Bands
- C. Cash Register
- D. Chewing Gum

In 1845, Stephen Perry, of the rubber manufacturing company Messers Perry and Co., invented the rubber band to hold papers or envelopes together. On March 17, 1845, Perry patented the **rubber band**. These first rubber bands were made of vulcanized rubber. The first dishwasher was patented by Joel Houghton in 1850. The first chewing gum was patented by William Finley Semple in 1869. The first cash register was patented by James Ritty in 1879.

### **B. Rubber Bands**

Trivia Question Answer:

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