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**August's Newsletter is sponsored by Kay Percy and is dedicated to her parents, Peg and Ken Percy.** Peg taught in the Twinsburg Schools for many years, served on the School Board, and was active in the Congregational Church, Scouting, and 4-H. Ken owned Percy Chrome Plating, was a Volunteer Fireman and a Twinsburg Councilman.

Kay is a 1962 RB Chamberlin grad. She has lived in Oregon and Arizona but maintains an interest in Twinsburg and the Historical Society.

Kay made a very generous donation to the Historical Society in memory of her parents, and we are very grateful.

We need your help. The parking lot behind the Barn and Museum will be paved this summer and we need to pay our fair share. In addition both the furnaces in the museum are aging out. We are looking to our members to help if you can. An anonymous donor is putting up a matching grant for this project. The donor will match donations, dollar for dollar up to \$1,500 for this project. With your help we want to raise \$3,000 by the Olde Thyme Fayre September 10, 11. You can send the money by check or drop it off on at any Open House. All donations are welcome. This is a great way to double the impact of your generosity.

You can also donate on our website. There will be a button on the main page on the right side to take you to the page you need to go to.

You can also scan this QR Code with your smart phone and it will get you to the Paypal site to make your donation.



Fundraising is another big responsibility that requires a lot of energy and enthusiasm. If any of this sounds like something you would be willing and able to help, please contact us. Our trustee meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00. They are open to all so you can drop by any month to see how we roll.

Olde Thyme Fayre plans continue to evolve, and there is sure to be something for everyone to enjoy. Dates are Saturday, Sept. 10 (10am-5pm) and Sunday, Sept. 11 (noon-5pm) A new feature this year will be the "past and present" of Superhero comics, courtesy of Trustee Keith Harris. His company, FutureGen Comics, is the world's only comic book development company that turns YOU into a superhero. Visit Keith and his display in the Museum to learn more.

There will also be kids crafts, raffles, marble games, Tony Roberson painting, a Saturday bake sale, use of the antique printing press, outdoor games (including cornhole!) and much more.....be sure to check next month's Newsletter.

And in the meantime, nurture your flowers and veggies and finish your knitting, crocheting, embroidery, painting, and other creative projects so that your items can be displayed and be awarded ribbons.

# 2022

## August

## Newsletter

### Mark Your Calendar

7/31/2022, 2PM-5PM, Open House, Museum.

8/3/2022, 7PM, Trustee Meeting, Museum.

8/5/2022, 12PM-4PM, Twinsdays Special Open House, Museum.

8/28/2022, 2PM-5PM, Open House, Museum.

9/7/2022, 7PM, Trustee Meeting, Museum.

9/10/2022, 10AM-5PM, Olde Thyme Fayre, Museum & Freeman Barn.

9/11/2022, 12PM-5PM, Olde Thyme Fayre, Museum & Freeman Barn.

9/25/2022, 2PM-5PM, Open House, Museum.

10/5/2022, 7PM, Trustee Meeting, Museum.

10/7/2022, 6PM-8PM, Tales of Locust Grove, Museum, Freeman Barn, Locust Grove Cemetery.

10/8/2022, 6PM-8PM, Tales of Locust Grove, Museum, Freeman Barn, Locust Grove Cemetery.

10/27/2022, 6:30PM, Halloween Story Telling, Freeman Barn.

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The next Open House will be July 31 from 2:00 to 5:00 followed pretty quickly by the Twins Day Open House on Friday August 5 from 12:00 to 4:00. If you do the math you can see we clearly need more trustees and more volunteers to keep our doors open and our programs staffed.

The Local Writer's Series will continue in November. The two sessions were very well received and we are still looking for local authors who would like to join us for an informal evening of sharing their work in the warm glow of the Riley House.

We are adding more and more events and activities to our agenda and we need more help. We know you are interested enough to be members and now we are looking for more involvement. We always need people to work at the Olde Thyme Fayre, the Special TwinsDay Open House, Tales of Locust Grove the monthly Open Houses and many other special programs and events. We also need help with the every day chores like keeping our grounds in shape, our buildings clean and tidy, our exhibits renewed and updated and all the housekeeping chores that our buildings require.

## Please support the Twinsburg Historical Society by shopping at smile.amazon.com

Smile has the same products, **prices**, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on **AmazonSmile**, the **AmazonSmile** Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. For example: the Twinsburg Historical Society

All you need to **do is** start your shopping at **smile.amazon.com**. The donation **will** be made at no extra cost to you. On your first visit to **AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com)**, you are prompted to select a charitable organization from their list of eligible organizations or better still, type in the Twinsburg Historical Society.

To see how much you have donated, hover over "Hello, [your name] Account & Lists", then in the right column of the drop-down, click on "Your **Amazon Smile**." You'll see your orders, what **donation** you've generated for your charity (us), and how **much** your charity(us) has collected overall from **Amazon Smile**. It **REALLY** adds up and is a perfect way to support a great organization at no cost to you.

## **Please note:**

*The Facebook page is open to all for sharing historical information or old picture. It is a great way to drop great information and tasty historical tidbits. It is **NOT** for advertising or discussions about local issues or politics. We are a non-partisan group dedicated to the preservation of and participation in the history of our three communities. If you are not sure don't post. Send us a private message, email or give us a call.*

## Renewing Members:

Irina Telezhenko  
Joseph & Karen Lucas  
Steve & Karen Murphy  
Brian & Cindy Steele  
Marilyn Maenza  
Chuck & Kathy Bonacci

## Anonymous Matching Donor Challenge Update:

The parking lot and furnace fund is off to a good start. We have received \$676.13 toward this project and appreciate all the donations received so far. We still have a little over half way to hit the anonymous \$1500 match.

Can you take a few minutes and scan the QR Code on page 1 of the newsletter with your smart phone and help support this project with your donation?



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## Racing in Northfield Timeline by D. Diersing 2015

**July 8, 1936** – Northfield Village, Sagamore Hills Village, and Northfield Center are compelled in court to pay \$40,000 in notes and \$5,420 in interest to Midland Bank of Cleveland. The bank asked that Northfield be ordered to issue bonds to pay off the notes. Sagamore Hills and Northfield Center were detached from Northfield Village after the original notes were issued but be compelled to pay their fair share.

**June 7, 1938** – Sportsmans Park is taken over by Charles Findlay. Mr. Findlay announces Sportsmans Park will be reopened as a ¼ mile oval speedway for midget auto racing. During the 1940s, races were held every two weeks. Alternate Sundays were used as rain dates.

Sportsmans Park becomes one of the fastest banked quarter mile tracks in the county. Andy Cunningham became the track announcer and publicity director. The track season eventually grew to eight to nine events a year.



<p><b>THRILLS! THRILLS! THRILLS!</b></p> <p><b>MIDGET AUTO RACES</b></p> <p>Arden Downs Speedway—Washington, Pa.</p> <p><b>Decoration Day Afternoon</b></p> <p>2:30 P. M. (Daylight Saving Time)</p> <p>★ 8 BIG EVENTS—STAR DRIVERS ★</p>	<p><b>MIDGET</b></p> <p>AUTO</p> <p><b>RACES</b></p> <p>9—THRILLING EVENTS—9</p> <p><b>EVERY SUNDAY 8<sup>30</sup> P.M.</b></p> <p><b>SPORTSMANS PARK</b></p> <p>ROUTE 8 - AKRON-CLEVELAND RD.</p>
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**May 29, 1946** – The “Death Dodgers” thrill show drew 8,000 spectators. During the 1939-1940 New York World’s Fair the Death Dodgers entertained over 11 million spectators.

## This Month in History:

**1964** Gulf of Tonkin Attack On US Destroyer Maddox

**1975** Dutch Elm Disease Kills 3 million trees in Britain

**1964** Gulf of Tonkin Resolution Passed

**1991** 911 Emergency Number pioneered in Schaumburg

**1947** India and Pakistan Gain Independence

**1920** 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution Ratified

**1902** Cadillac Started In Detroit

**1954** Communist Party Outlawed United States

**1949** The Soviet Union test their first atomic bomb

**1989** Leona Helmsley convicted and sentenced

## Trivia Challenge:

What monarch of the Zulu Kingdom was assassinated by his half brothers Dingane and Mhlangana?

- A. Shaka Kasenzangakhona
- B. Cetshwyao Kampande
- C. Solomon Kadinuzulu
- D. Dinuzulu Kacetshwayo

A. Shaka kasenzangakhona, also known as Shaka Zulu, was one of the most influential monarchs of the Zulu Kingdom. Dingane and Mhlangana appear to have made at least two attempts to assassinate Shaka before they succeeded some time in 1828

Answer:

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