



Pickerington-Violet Township HISTORICAL SOCIETY

News for Members and Friends

SUMMER 2023

Find us: 15 E. Columbus Street, Olde Pickerington Village ~ www.PickHistory.org

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Enjoy Summer Sunday Fundays!

Sunday, July 9, 2-4pm: Heritage Day at the Museum. Enjoy beekeeping and quilting demonstrations, heritage arts exhibits, and more!

FREE ADMISSION.

Sunday, August 6, 2-4pm: Members-Only Summer Picnic: Enjoy food, beverages, and Wetherell Dairy memorabilia at Kevin Wetherell's Thornville home. **FREE FOR MEMBERS.** Details on page 3.

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2-4pm: Celebrate our Historical Museum's 30-Year Anniversary in the former Carnegie Library. Enjoy free food samples, exhibits, music, games, prizes, and **FREE ADMISSION.**



Heritage Day at our Historical Museum on Sunday, July 9, 2-4pm

Interested in beekeeping so you can have an endless supply of honey? How about turning leftover fabrics into a quilt?

Visit our community's Historical Museum on Sunday, July 9, to acquire first-hand knowledge of heritage arts through live demonstrations and information including:

1. Beekeeping: Mary Wampler (Fairfield County Beekeepers Association) will bring an observation hive and discuss the importance of pollination, bee health, basic beekeeping, and more.

2. Quilting: Longtime Pickerington residents, all members of a local quilt group, will demonstrate hand quilting and display antique quilts.

Also enjoy a special exhibit of crocheting, knitting, embroidery, and arts/crafts. See a collection of Civil War era quilts and coverlets that were donated to our Museum by members of the Pickering family.

It's our Museum's 30th Anniversary in the Carnegie Library

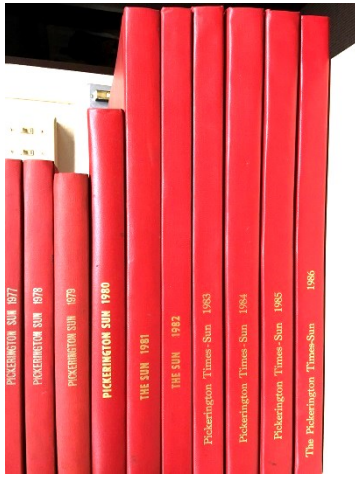
Help us Celebrate: Sunday, September 10, 2-4pm.

- ◆ Experience a Taste of Olde Pickerington! Sample well-loved foods from Pickerington residents' past plus their stories and recipes.
- ◆ Enjoy music and an exhibit of 1993 artifacts.
- ◆ Play 1993 trivia and win a prize.

During September 1993, the deed for the Carnegie Library building and land was given by the Pickerington Public Library Board of Trustees to the City of Pickerington with stipulation that the city lease the building to the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society for educational and historical purposes. The building also was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Shortly thereafter, artifacts, furniture, and records from the Richter building (former Historical Society headquarters) were moved into the Historical Society's new home — as seen in this photo.



WHAT'S NEW AT OUR HISTORICAL MUSEUM

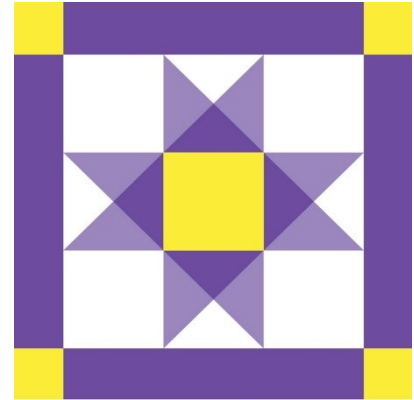


← The Canal Winchester Area Historical Society donated their bound collection of *Pickerington Sun Times* newspapers dating from 1977 thru 1986 to our Historical Museum.



← Chris Burkhart, a PHS 1977 graduate, donated his Band Jacket and FFA Jacket to our Historical Museum.

Our Historical Society joined Fairfield County's "Quilt Trail" which depicts various quilt squares on barns and other structures throughout Fairfield County. Our quilt will be exhibited on the south side of our Museum. →



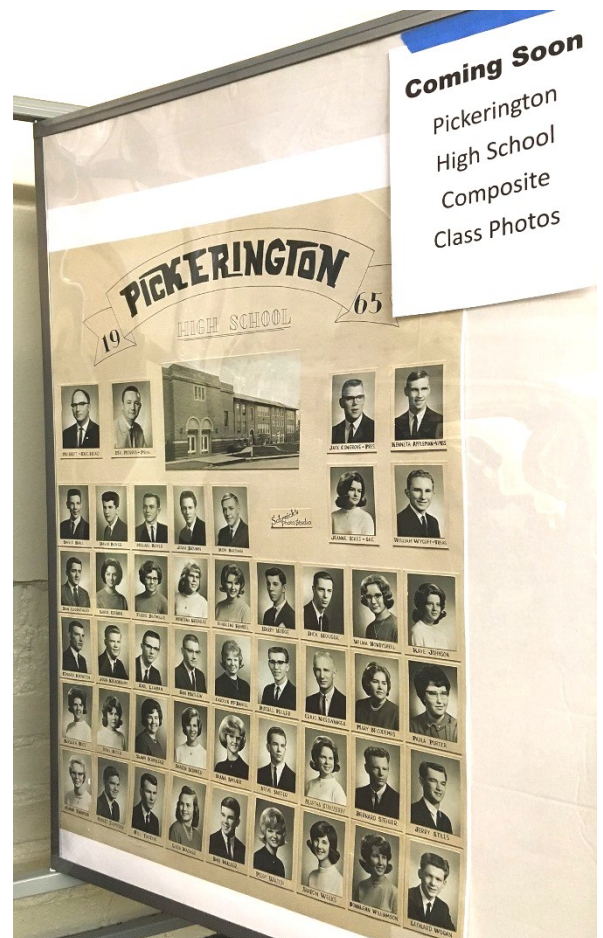
UPDATE: Class Photo Digitization Project

Photographer, David Beckham, has photographed and is editing the Pickerington High School graduates' class photos that had been displayed in the Museum's Lower Level since 1994. We hope to be able to place all of the digitized photos in our new flip display in time for our July 9 "Heritage Arts" Open House.

The original framed photos of the 1920-1932 graduates remain on the walls along the stairway to the Museum's Lower Level as well as the large 1981 graduates' photo which has a new frame that replaces the deteriorated original frame.

All of the old photo frames have been boxed for preservation and storage. Thank you Rick Ricketts for helping with storage, along with Keith Ebright, Stephanie Johnson, and Peggy Portier for providing the muscle to move all of the boxes!

Thanks, also, to our Digitization Committee (Peggy Portier, Fiona Spears, Stephanie Johnson, Barbara Freeman, Peggy Winter, Terry Guay, and Maggie Arendt) for spending countless hours dismantling, repairing, and boxing the original photos in acid-free boxes. Finally, a huge Thank You to David Beckham for photographing and printing the photos at no cost to our Historical Society.



WETHERELL DAIRY HISTORY, FOOD, & FUN



Kevin Ray Wetherell displaying some of his collection of Wetherell Dairy artifacts at our Historical Museum during 2017.



Pickerington Historical Society Members-Only Summer Picnic at Kevin Wetherell's Home 6715 Logan Thornville Rd, NE, Rushville, OH 43150 Sunday, August 6, 2-4pm

Hope you can join fellow Historical Society members for our annual summer picnic. Kevin Wetherell has graciously invited us to spend the afternoon at his Thornville, Ohio home for a nostalgic look at his large collection of Wetherell Dairy artifacts as well as to enjoy a summer picnic and camaraderie.

Food: A free picnic lunch for Historical Society members (Giant Eagle catered deli sandwiches, chips, watermelon, bottled water, ice cream, cookies) begins at 2:00pm.

Travel: Since Kevin Wetherell's Thornville home is approximately 20 miles from Pickerington (30-minute drive via Ohio 256), several Historical Society members said they are willing to ride-share.

Registration Deadline: To make sure we have ample food, we ask members to register for this picnic **no later than July 28**. Sign up by replying to this email or leaving a message (including any questions or requests to Ride Share) at our Historical Society's Voice Mail Message Center: 614-382-5989.



← **Wetherell Dairy Farm Today.** Gone is the house and buildings except the one seen in this photo. The City of Pickerington now owns the property and plans to make it a commercial and residential development.

Ray and Eula Wetherell (Kevin Wetherell's great grandparents) began their dairy operations on Pickerington Road in 1928. They and their 5 children ran the business. The family dissolved the business in 1974. Kevin's Wetherell artifact collection includes bottles, milk cans, crates, trophies, photos, and more!

**2022-2023
PICKERINGTON-VIOLET TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVES**

Elected Officers

President: Peggy Portier
Advisor (Past President): Gary Taylor
Vice President-Administration: Keith Ebright
Vice President-Programs: Jack Whitaker
Secretary: Mary Herron
Treasurer: Fiona Spears
Members-at-Large: Barbara Freeman, Stephanie Johnson, and Greg Karoly

President's Appointees

Historian: David Williard
Membership/Volunteer Chair: Stephanie Johnson
Publicity Chair/Website & Newsletter Editor: Maggie Arendt

Open Appointed Positions: Curator; Librarian

2022-2023 Historical Society Projects

- Digitize, repair and preserve Pickerington High School class photos. Project nearly finished!
- Begin research/planning the task of preserving our Museum's windows.
- Begin video-recording residents' historical memories.

MEMBER NEWS

Welcome New Historical Society Members

Pat Adkins of Langsville, Ohio recently purchased a 3-year Individual membership in our Historical Society.

Joyce Cleary, a Pickerington photographer who lives in the Olde Village, recently joined as an Individual member.

New Historical Society Lifetime Members

Nancy (Fisher) Groves, a long-time member living in Gilbert, Arizona, upgraded her membership to "Lifetime".

Kenn Taylor of Pickerington and **Kristen LaMacchia** of Worthington also upgraded their memberships to "Lifetime".

Donut Fundraiser for our Historical Society

Thursday, July 6: Pickerington Farmers Market

Society Members, Jean and Bob Mauger, will host another donut fundraiser during the Thursday, July 6, 4-7pm Pickerington Farmers' Market at Center Street/Town Square Drive. A percentage of the donut sales plus tips will benefit our Historical Society. The Maugers and volunteer donut helpers, Peggy Portier and Stephanie Johnson, hope to see you at the donut truck!

A big hit: Our Historical Society's 1st "Guided Walking Tour of Olde Pickerington Village"

Pickerington Historians Peggy Portier, Stephanie Johnson & David Williard recently led 4 tour groups thru Olde Pickerington. Gary Taylor and Keith Ebright answered questions at Combustion Brewery, the last tour stop. Thanks to all who participated in this event. It was so successful, we plan to offer another tour in the future!



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