



# Pickerington-Violet Township HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## News for Members and Friends

**SUMMER 2018**

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## June 7, 7:00 PM Tour of Historical Aircraft Squadron Museum

Be sure to join members and friends of the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society for the group's June meeting to be held at the Historical Aircraft Squadron's Hangar & Museum. Meet at the Fairfield County Airport, Hangar B, located at 3266 Old Columbus Road, Carroll, Ohio 43112.

Our meeting/special curator-led tour is from 7:00 to 8:30pm.

The Historical Aircraft Squadron is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to restoring, displaying, and operating former military aircraft and equipment.

Their museum houses uniforms, memorabilia, and vintage equipment from past wars. In addition, a library contains more displays as well as hundreds of books, videos, and DVDs.

Be sure to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to see the Historical Aircraft Squadron Museum. This event is free and open to the public. Light meeting refreshments are sponsored by our Historical Society.



**Mark Your Calendar:  
Thursday, August 2, 6:30 PM  
Members-Only Summer Picnic  
at National Barber Museum  
135 Franklin Street,  
Canal Winchester 43110**

Our annual members-only summer picnic will be held inside the National Barber Museum in Canal Winchester. The indoor picnic, sponsored by our Historical Society, begins at 6:30 PM followed by a self-guided tour of the Barber Museum.

The Museum re-opened earlier this month at its new location after a 2014 fire forced the move. In the new 5,000 square-foot building, you'll be able to see more than 50 barber chairs as well as collections of shaving mugs, barber's poles, razors, combs and shears. There's also a collection of bloodletting tools — reminders that barbering was a far different business in the 1600s.

*Watch for details and Summer Picnic Registration information  
in your email or mailbox during mid-July.*

## Pickering Family Exhibit Opens July 4th

A special 3-month exhibit opens at our Historical Museum between 5-8pm during Pickerington's annual 4th of July Parade.

Although Pickerington's founder, Abraham Pickering, passed away during 1833, his extended family left an extraordinary legacy for our community through homes, land, and personal artifacts. Our "Pickering" exhibit provides a glimpse of their lives during 1800's Pickerington.

The Museum's current "Hanna Family" exhibit is available for viewing through June 30.

## AROUND OUR MUSEUM

2018-2019

### 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

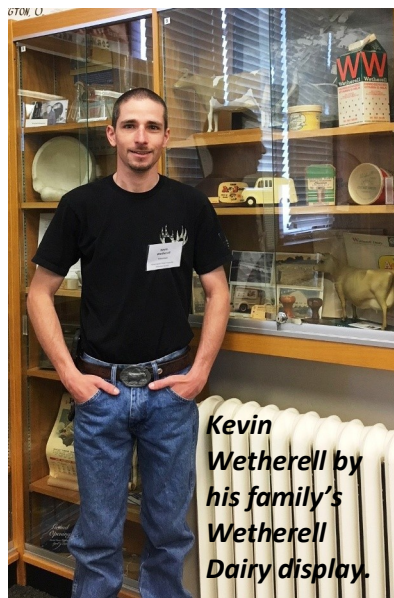
Librarian: Suellen Goldsberry  
 Membership/Volunteer Coordinator: Stephanie Johnson  
 Publicity Chair/Newsletter Editor: Maggie Arendt

#### Open Appointed Positions

Historian, Curator

#### 2018 Historical Society Projects

Replace Museum's Lower Level deteriorated outside door  
 Clean Museum Carpets and Tile (upstairs and downstairs)  
 Repair Loom to be able to offer demonstrations  
 Purchase equipment for Oral History Video Program with  
 Pickerington Public Library



*Kevin Wetherell by his family's Wetherell Dairy display.*

### Volunteer Spotlight

Historical Society member Kevin Wetherell donated many Saturday hours this spring working as a volunteer at our Museum. He helped reorganize our Museum's displays, closets, kitchen, and furnace room. During May, Kevin helped with our "Treasure Sale" and as a Saturday Museum host. His current project is cleaning the Museum's tile floors.

To acknowledge Kevin for his volunteer work, he was chosen by our Board of Directors as the first recipient of the Historical Society's "Outstanding Volunteer" award. He will be awarded a \$25 gift certificate.

To be eligible for our next "Outstanding Volunteer" award, sign up to assist with Saturday Museum hosting, Museum tours, Society meeting refreshments, or special projects. For more information and/or to sign up, contact Volunteer Coordinator, Stephanie Johnson, at 614-657-6037.



### Fundraisers help fund Museum projects

← **Chocolate Hop/Treasure Sale:** Historical Society volunteers Clover Rogers and Bob Avers help dish out chocolate covered goodies to Chocolate Hop guests. New members Adam and Danielle Dinnell sold Chocolate Hop tickets outside. Proceeds from these two Saturday, May 12 fundraisers netted the Historical Society \$410. Treasure Sale volunteers included Terry Guay, Peggy Winter, Mary Herron, Gary Taylor, Kevin Wetherell, Barbara Freeman, and Maggie Arendt.

**Dine Around Town:** Our first 2018 restaurant fundraiser was held at Red Robin with 20% of food purchases to be donated back to our Historical Society.

**The next restaurant fundraiser will be held at LaFogata all day Monday, June 18. Tell your server you are dining to help raise money for the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society.** Watch your email/mailbox for "Dine Around Town" fundraiser reminders. Plans are being made for an August fundraiser at Raising Cane's and another at Kingy's Pizza during October.

The proceeds from all of this year's Historical Society fundraisers will help purchase a new steel door at our Museum's Lower Level and the other "2018 Historical Society Projects" noted in the box above. The estimated \$5,000 Museum rear door replacement project includes a reinforced steel door, automatic opener, and installation.

## LOCAL HISTORY

### 19th Century Medicine in Pickerington

By Gary Taylor, Pickerington-Violet Township Historian

There is a lack of history concerning the medical profession in Pickerington during the 19th century.

A great deal of this probably is due to the laxity of laws governing licensing prior to 1892 when the Medical Practices Act was enacted. *Millers History of Fairfield County* and the *Pickerington Sesquicentennial Bulletin* are some of the principal sources I found.

Through a great part of the early 19th century, many physicians had little or no formal medical education.

With very few exceptions, physicians remained in our community no longer than 2 or 3 years. However, we probably had more than our share of graduates of medical colleges during a time when a man entered the practice of medicine after “reading medicine” in some physician’s office.

19th century physicians in our community included:

- **Dr. William Tolbert** practiced most of his 30 years in Violet Township. He had two sons who also became doctors.
- **Dr. Minor** probably was the first physician in Pickerington, starting his medical career here prior to 1836.
- **Dr. Ewing**, a graduate of Miami Medical School, practiced in Pickerington from 1852 to 1888. He also served as postmaster and justice of the peace part of this time.



↑ **Dr. Greg Stewart's former office that he built in 1881 at 38 E. Columbus Street. It was restored to its original form in 1986.**

- **Dr. Greg Stewart** was one of the exceptions to the short tenure of physicians here. He practiced from 1879 until 1904. He also was best remembered for his colorful and impeccable attire and his beautiful horses and buggies. He presented the appearance of “the well dressed man of his day”. Dr. Stewart practiced at 38 E. Columbus Street. His “fancy” can be seen in the intricate decoration of the exterior of this grand old home.
- **Dr. F.R. Morath** practiced from 1885 until 1900 when he moved to Columbus to continue his work.

*Watch for Gary Taylor's sequel to this story — **20th Century Medicine in Pickerington** — in our Fall Newsletter, to be distributed in late August.*

### Area Historical Societies Commemorating end of WWI: 1918-2018

**Bremen Historical Society**, 161 Carter St., Bremen 43107: Open Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10-4pm. See a display of WWI items including scrapbook, photos, and love letters through Nov. 1. Free admission/donations accepted.

**Ohio Glass Museum**, 124 W Main St., Lancaster 43130: “Three Cheers for the Red, White & Blue ... Celebration of American Glass” can be seen September 15, 2018 through February 23, 2019. Senior admission is \$5.

**Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society and Pickerington Public Library**, 201 Opportunity Way, Pickerington 43147. On November 1, 7:00pm, a general discussion of WWI will be led by Canal Winchester Historian Bruce Jarvis. The program will include photos and excerpts from letters and diaries. This program and refreshments are free and open to the public.

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### ← Society Members Tour New Fire Station

Photo (from left) Gene and Carrie Ebert, Barbara Freeman, Dan Heitmeyer and another two dozen Historical Society members had an opportunity to check out the Fireman's Pole during a May 3 tour of the soon-to-open Violet Township Fire Station in downtown Pickerington located next door to our Historical Society Museum. Firefighters will receive training on using the Pole to give them faster access to ground floor fire trucks versus using the staircase when responding to alarms.

### New Historical Society Members:

**Help welcome new Historical Society members who joined our group since our last newsletter:**

- Julie and Tim Gribben from Canal Winchester (Family)
- Cheryl Hale from Beavercreek, Ohio (Individual)
- Mark and Denise Killian from Pickerington (Family)
- Kenneth and Jane (Abby) Planisek from Pickerington (Family)

***Mark Your Calendar for Monday, June 18 dining at LaFogata Pickerington for Historical Society fundraiser!***

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