

MUSEUM MUSES

Telling Highland County's story for over 50 years!

AN OHIO CHRISTMAS COMES TO HIGHLAND HOUSE

THE MERRY MERCANTILE RETURNS!

While the leaves are turning the streets and hillsides of Ohio into a spectacular display of colors that only nature can deliver, the Highland House Museum volunteers are getting ready to turn out "An Ohio Christmas." You might ask: "What does an Ohio Christmas look like?" Let's take a stroll through the museum and check it out.

On the first floor, you'll see ornaments and other memorabilia of our native sons and daughters who have graced the silver screen, stage, radio and TV. The Southern State Community College Theatre group will transform the music room as a tribute to these individuals. While many of them you may already know, check carefully as there is very likely a surprise or two within the group. Another creative form, the art of writing, is being shared with us by the Altrusa Club, who will present a collection of ornaments that display children's books and authors from Ohio. Wonder how many surprises there will be as you check out their tree in the Children's Room. Once more, the Altrusa Club invites children to take home a wrapped book from under the tree.

In the Pioneer Kitchen, you'll enjoy a visit to Smucker's, an Ohio company that adds many favorite foods to our meals. Members of the Lynchburg 3 Arts Club even made a field trip to Smucker's headquarters in preparation for decorating this room. As you may recall, last year they decorated their tree with lemons. So be sure to check this year's effort. In the

adjacent formal Dining Room, the US Ohio Presidents are gathering for a Christmas dinner. Perhaps if you listen carefully, you might hear some state secrets. Can you name all the gentlemen who will be attending? Who was both a president and chief justice of Supreme Court? Lori Gunderman and Diane Jolitz are setting this table.

There are numerous very successful Ohio companies but this one is responsible for daytime dramas. They

could have named.

The Military Room will feature military camps that have been located over the state of Ohio. As the needs of our military forces have changed, camps have been abandoned or repurposed. You might be surprised at the history of some of these installations. There is one camp that located within 50 miles of here and the local school's mascot honors that camp. Can you name it? This room is decorated by the

The Wayman Chapel AME Church Missionaries will take us back to our grandmother or even great grandmother's home for an old fashioned Ohio Christmas. They have reached back in time to ornaments tucked away in attics, to handmade items from school. Will there be popcorn strung on the tree or gingerbread men? Guess you'll just have to stop in the front parlor and check it out. Be careful as you might find yourself saying "Oh I remember when we had these kinds of....."

The Sinking Springs Women will feature cardinals and local churches. You can find their tree in the Weaver's Room on the second floor. Churches have always played an important part in the life of a community and many were formed by circuit riders. These were men who rode to different communities to preach, baptize and marry individuals before the brick-and-mortar churches were established. Stop by this room to see how they convey this important part Ohio history.

Hillsboro Garden Club's tree is located between the two front bedrooms and will feature native plants and the state bird. What will they use besides buckeyes and cardinals? Who knows, maybe you'll find some inspiration for a display in your own home.

Next door SOGS (Southern Ohio Genealogical Society) is concentrating on Today's Ohio Women in Government. Instead of looking back, they'll concentrate on those women serving our country by running and holding public of-
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sponsored one of these "Soap Operas" for 72 years. Find out which soap opera and interesting tidbits of information about a variety of their groundbreaking, innovative products when you check the main tree by the stairs done by HCHS volunteers Helen Ford and Kathy Levo. We're willing to bet you've personally used many of this company's products.

Carolyn Hastings spent the early months of 2022 coming up with a broad list of famous Ohioans. Look in the Library for her white ornaments with black script lettering and see if you can find all 55 of them. Ask

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

The Humanities Room will feature slices of history where people made a difference - the Underground Railroad, Women Christian Temperance Union and the Lincoln School story. From mothers marching so their children could go to school, to the mothers who closed the bars in Hillsboro and across the nation or the families who hid runaway slaves in their homes or on their property, individuals joined together to change the course of history. They enriched the history of our state. This room was decorated by "anonymous."





MUSEUM MUSES

2022-23 TRUSTEES

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Mission

The mission of Highland County Historical Society is to encourage community involvement in the preservation, education and promotion of Highland County history and genealogy for the benefit of all people for present and future generations.

WHO AM I?



Who is this little miss?
Sorry--no clues!

If you guessed
BOB BROWN
for last issue's mystery child,
you were correct!

RENEWING MEMBERS

- Becky Basford
- Brenda Bradds
- Tom & Carol Eichinger - Heritage**
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- Dave & Sharlene Shoemaker**
- Heritage**
- Earl & Vicky Smith**
- Heritage**

We thank them all so very much!

NEW MEMBERS

- WELCOME!**
- Toy Fender
- Melanie Hawk
- Jared & Dana Hylton

MEMORIALS

- Richard & Paulette Donley in memory of Debbie Harsha
- Louise Hapner remembers her friend, Ann Rhude
- Richard & Paulette Donley in memory of Susie Wagoner

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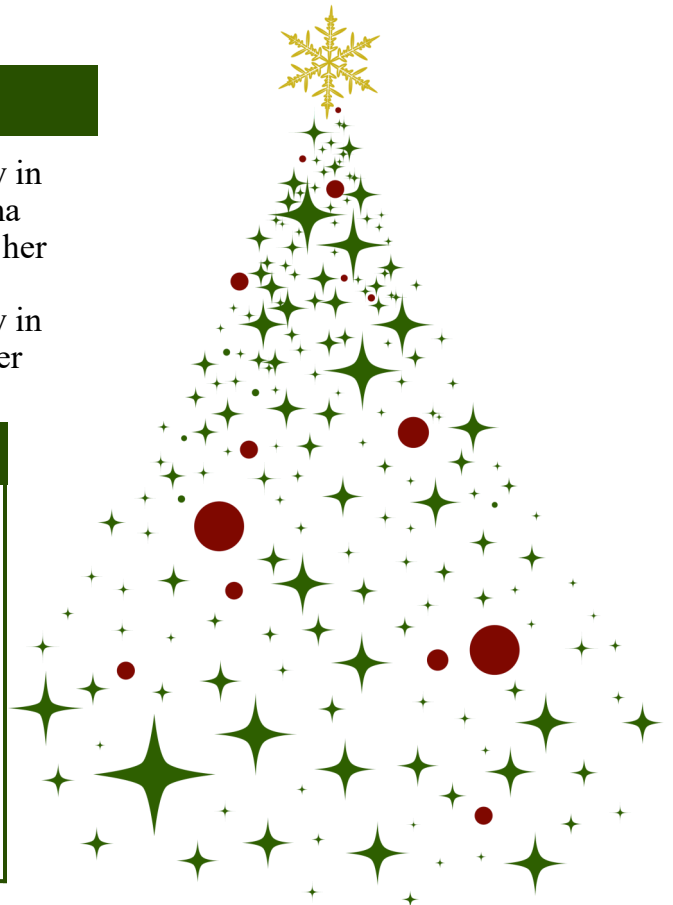
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- Betty Fox – her son, Brett
- John Kellis – his sister,
- Debbie Kellis Harsha
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- The family of Carlene Phillips

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GHOST WALK - 2022

We can report a howling success to our Ghost Walk evening of 2022! The Ghosts were in fine fettle and the crowd (larger than anyone around could remember) was generous with their appreciation of the evening, both through their delight and applause as well as donations given. (Well north of \$300!)

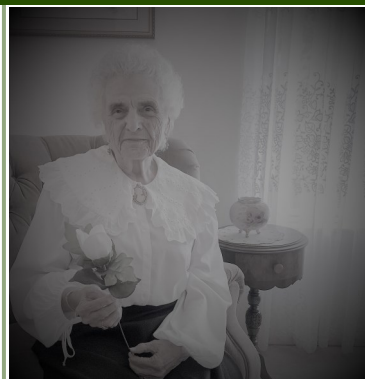
Bob Brown, described in our program as possessing the most recognizable laugh in Highland County, brought us snippets portrayals of some of the VERY famous people buried in Hillsboro Cemetery. These included people such as Benjamin Franklin! YES! We have several Benjamin Franklins, of course --but they may have different last names such as Benjamin Franklin Chaney, etc. I think you may get the drift of these skits by now.... Bob brought us Sara Cannon - yes! She's buried here! Oh, you don't know who that is? You probably know the person she portrayed when on stage-- especially the Grand Old Opry stage, and that was Minnie Pearl! Next was William McKinley, one of Ohio's presidents! With November's voting coming up, he admonished us to "Don't be silly! Vote for Billy!" We also had a visit from none



other than Henry Ford, who was quite puzzled how he ever ended up this far south.

Orville Wright and his brother Wilbur are buried here (actually under those names) and he reported to us that they were on their way to Disney World and got lost, landing here in the cemetery. Our final visit was from the inimitable Bette Davis (ok, so ours spells it "Betty") who kept us all in stitches.

Well, enough of the evening's "corn." Our first ghost was Mrs. Catherine W Collins, who was portrayed by nonagenarian Helen Ford. Mrs. Collins gave us some idea of their estate here in Hillsborough



and then read portions of some of the letters she wrote back home when on her trip to the Wyoming Territory to visit her husband, William Oliver Collins, and son, Caspar Collins. The program pointed out that Mrs. Collins belonged to the only family to have three streets named in their honor. Do you know which streets they are?

Our next visitor was Mary Thompson Tuttle, daughter of Judge James Henry and Eliza Trimble "Mother" Thompson. In spite of her upbringing, she forged out on her own, achieving in the world of the arts, not only as an artist, but also as an art critic and a writer! Mrs. Tuttle was portrayed by Anne Throckmorton.



Little Clara A Clark died at only one and a half years, but came to us in the person of a white ghost, telling us not only about her short life, but about the death rates of many of the nearly 1600 children buried in our cemetery. She was portrayed by Carolyn Hastings. You will see in the photo, the statue of "Five Kids In A Tree," which was dedicated on Ghost Walk evening.

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GHOST WALK *(continued)*

A person who hadn't lived in Hillsboro for many years, but was brought back here for burial, was Anna Keys Titoff. Portrayed by Debbie Williams, we learned of the exciting and full life Anna lived, all across our country, as well as the many hobbies and crafts she pursued.



Few around these days know of Violet Morgan, but before her death, the entire county and beyond knew of this lady who was "Historian of Highland County" (per her tombstone). Tara Beery brought us Violet's story and now at least those at the Ghost Walk know of her and the history she recorded.

Another person, arguably the most well-known outside of Ohio, was Carrie Lee Finnell (Morris). Her stage name was Finnell and she was a world-famous strip-tease artist. Portrayed by Liz Odland, Carrie Lee told us of how she became a Ziegfeld girl around 1917 and went on to develop her craft and being a person to whom others often turned to in times of trouble. She once "beat the pants off" Mae West in a strip-off contest!



LEESBURG HERITAGE BREAKFAST

We're all in the historical society business! We bring you news from LEESBURG AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY. On November 12 LAHS will be hosting a Heritage Breakfast. Come on up to Leesburg Fire Station Community Room where you'll have Pancakes & Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy for breakfast. OR you can even go and bring it home with Carry-Out!

dition, they will be having Antique Appraisals by Toy Fender and Betty Ann Walker. You can view displays of local history.

AND it's all provided for a freewill donation. Now, take plenty of money with you because they are raising funds for their project of restoration of the train depot!

Stay around and eat and listen to live music by John Noftsgger. In ad-

Need more info? You can check out their website: www.leesburghistory.org or call 937-763-5298.

Another photo from the Barbara Leslie Tucker Lamb donations: (L-R) Bud Stanforth, Bud Faris, Joe Ellison, ?, ? Stabler For another view of this photo, see page 12.





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The Merry Mercantile

Ah, 'tis the season when thoughts of sugar plums begin dancing in the heads of the young. Meanwhile, in the heads of the adults, headaches begin wondering what in the world to get Aunt Ermingard, who has everything she needs PLUS a lot of stuff she doesn't need. Then there's the special friend you've been exchanging gifts with for longer than either of you dare to admit.

The Merry Mercantile is here to solve all of your gift issues. We have upwards of 25 crafters of all different sorts and talents. And a goodly number of our crafters change from year to year.

What does this mean for you? Well, as an HCHS member (and we are assuming that if you're reading this article, you are a member), you will be saving 10% on practically every item found for sale within the walls of Highland House. *(There are just a*

few items in THE MUSEUM SHOP which are not discountable.)

Now, just who are the crafters we have this year? *(in no particular order)*

Andi Reno

Items crafted from wood

Anne Throckmorton

Knitted & Crocheted items

Alberta Duncan

Knitted & Crocheted items

Brenda Armstrong

Jewelry

Christy Baer

Knitted & Crocheted items

Elizabeth Moran

Paper Star Ornaments

Eric Van Denoever

Items displaying his art

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The Merry Mercantile is getting ready for another wonderful holiday season of providing a one-of-a-kind gift shopping experience! The Merry Mercantile features handmade items from local artisans, antiques, and many historic/vintage books and collectibles. This year we will display the beautiful works of over 25 talented crafts people. There will also be several bake sales during this season. The Merry Mercantile has a preview opening on Friday Nov. 4 from 5 to 8pm. The first full day of business will be Saturday Nov. 5 from 10 am to 4 pm.

The artisans donate 30% of every sale to the Highland County Historical Society. Please come out, support our museum, these generous artisans and pick up some beautiful gifts!

Look elsewhere in MM for further Events info!

Holiday Hours	
<p>Thursday 1-4pm <i>(closed Thanksgiving)</i></p>	<p>Friday 11a-4pm</p>
<p>Saturday 11a-4pm</p>	<p>SPECIAL HOURS Christmas Week!!! 4-7p</p>

Liz Odland



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Let us make a wee suggestion. It's painless and gives for a whole year.... well, I guess the TP of the Month does that too, but....

It's a GIFT MEMBERSHIP in Highland County Historical Society! We have several levels of membership from which you may choose! If it's a son or daughter away at

college, the Single Membership starts at only \$20. Maybe you have a grandchild who has displayed a keen interest in history. It is never too early to feed and encourage that interest. Now, for the kids who are out on their own with families, why not a Family Membership at \$30?

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terest in preserving and promoting our interesting place in the wonderful world of HISTORY!

How do you purchase? We make it very easy! You may visit our website and click on the "Membership Information" button, or simply stop by Highland House! We look forward to helping you with your list!

New Board Trustees and Society Officers



(left-right) Steve Faris, John Levo, Leslie Ramsey, Dale Zornes, Debbie Williams, Alice Teeters

Thanks to all of our members who attended the Annual Meeting. This meeting is required by our By-Laws and is the time when members can express opinions, ask questions and vote for Board members as well as a President and Vice President of the So-

ciety. These officers are important as they represent the membership at Board meetings. Our incoming President moved from Vice President. Steve Faris is well known to most folks. Beginning as a Society officer is Alice Teeters

who will serve as Vice President. Alice is very active in the Leesburg Area Historical Society and has been a big and long supporter of HCHS.

Now, moving to the Board of Trustees, Leslie Ramsey was reelected to her second term on the Board. New to the Board

are Debbie Williams, retired teacher and author. Dale Zornes, a busy retiree is also new to the Board.

Returning after the required time following Board service is John Levo. He and Kathy are very active HCHS members.

If you ever have questions or suggestions you would like to reach the Board, always feel free to contact any member of the Board of Trustees. Their names are always printed on the second page of each and every issue of Museum Muses. These folks serve without any pay, but we can all give them an "Attaboy" or an "Attagirl" when we see them! That appreciation goes much further than you can imagine!

HHS Class of 1938



Although there are those who would choose to disagree, I enjoy high school class reunions! Not so much for myself, but I enjoy seeing the class come together and share old memories, reliving those times when we were young and dumb (although none thought that at the time!).

We recently uncovered a file showing the HHS Class of 1938 and their 50th Reunion held in 1988. What a weekend they enjoyed together! Here are the highlights:

>Friday 6-10p - They met at the Parker House Restaurant for an informal gathering, enjoyed a "Dutch Treat" meal or snack and began their catching up.

>Saturday 9am - Meeting at Hickory House Restaurant for "Dutch Treat" breakfast, they prepared for their day.

At 11am, they gathered at Highland House for a tour (remember, at this point, the museum had only been open a little over 20 years). They encouraged their attendees to leave a donation. (And we thank them!)

At 2pm, they met at HHS main entrance and either Mr. Burton or Mr. Hagen would take them on a tour and answer any questions. Of course, there had been many changes over the years. Their class was one of the first few to be graduated from that building.

From 3-5pm, they enjoyed a "Mystery" of some kind. We are not privy to what that was!

At 5:30pm, they gathered at Southern State for their catered dinner and, of course, the 50th year photo!

We know that 77 people attended that weekend gathering, now 34 years ago. Most of that class are now gone, but isn't it nice we have these memories to view and think about those in the class each of us knew or were in his or her family?

(from items donated by the family of Barbara Leslie Tucker Lamb)



*Seated: Sara Hopkins, Elizabeth Hoggsett Carey, Libby Vance, Louise Grabill, Martha McGuire Rousher, Sara Gross Roush, Signa Hopewell Dixon
2nd & 3rd rows: ? West (teacher), Georgia Patton Howald, Georgiana Ambrose Hixson, Helen Cochran, ?, Adeline Barger Hartman, Jane Stanley, Lena George Duval, Mary E Doggett, Winette Campbell, Mary Ellen Foley "Stella"?, Vivian Shannon Hiestand
3rd row: Boy, Girl, Girl, Susan Sams Henry, Dorothy Kesler
Back row boys: Charles Harsha, Jack Frost, Gerald Hamilton, Paul Blair, Herbert Leber, Ralph Hill*



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Bill Orling - A Guy We Would Like to Meet

Who is Bill Orling? One bright autumn day in October a couple folks appeared at Highland House with a painting, a movie card and a story.

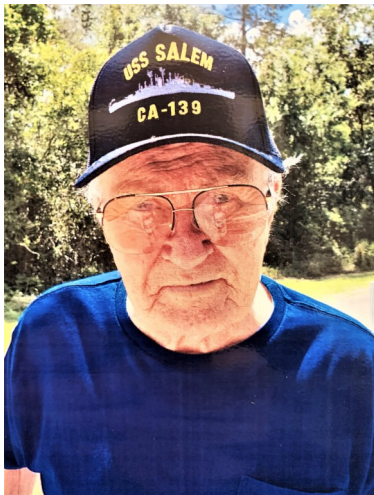
Born in Flint, Michigan in 1930, much of Bill's life was spent working like any other Michigander and taking care of his family. However, unlike most of his friends, in his 30s, he picked up the necessary tools and began sketching buildings, people and street scenes around his neighborhood of St. John Street.

When Bill heard that much of his beloved neighborhood was going to be bulldozed to make way for a Buick factory along with the needed parking space for employees, he felt the urgency to up his game and get it all captured in his art before it was gone. The people there, his friends, were going to lose their homes and livelihoods.

Bill began spending lunch hours from his job with the Flint Board of Education sitting in the cab of his delivery truck sketching those areas to get it all documented as quickly as he could.

Bill's passion did not go unnoticed. In 1978, he received a Heritage Award from the Genesee County Historical Society for his efforts on behalf of local history.

The story doesn't end there, of course. This alone wouldn't garner attention from HCHS and the story earn its way into Museum Muses. With that same compassion, Bill began painting the theaters in the Flint area. As in many parts of our coun-



try, the smaller, neighborhood theaters were being forced out of business by the megacineas and Bill not only recognized this, but, knowing their role in the country's history, began recording them.

From Flint, Bill and his wife, Barbara, began traveling to other states, on the search for other theaters still standing. Bill drove, Barbara was the navigator, as they traveled from state to state, primarily on the eastern side of the United States. As they came to a town, they sought out the local theater and took photos of each one to later record in ink and paint.

Enter Hillsboro, Ohio. We were on Bill and Barbara's map and they stopped here when *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* was playing at the Colony.

On that previously mentioned October day, Bill's daughter and son-in-law appeared at Highland House, telling the story to Vicki and presenting her with the painting shown above, and the



movie advertising card. They had carefully packed up each painting and associated movie card, along with the story about Bill and his photo attached to the back of the painting so that Bill and his story wouldn't be forgotten. Just as Bill carefully recorded our history, his daughter, undoubtedly inheriting much of Bill's passion, was lovingly traveling back those same roads that Bill and Barbara traveled, now honoring her parents by leaving those bits of history.

Bill is still living, now in Florida and 92 years old. He

doesn't paint any longer, but he can still tell you about that day when he stood in front of each theater, just like it was yesterday, Barbara at his side, recording the image.

We'd like to meet Bill Orling and hear about the day he came to Hillsboro...maybe he ate at Magee's that day, talked with some of our local folks and shared his story with them before heading on to the next town. He seems just like the kind of guy everyone would have liked. We could use more Bill Orlings. Thanks, Bill!



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OHIO CHRISTMAS *(continued)*



fice in the 20th & 21st centuries. I bet you'll find a few ladies you might know personally or have certainly read about.

Lynn Neal is giving us a better understanding of Ulysses S. Grant who was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio 200 years ago. While we know he led the Union troops to victory in the Civil War and was a US President, Lynn is concentrating on another lesser known side of Grant. Stop by the Casper Collins's room to learn more this famous Ohioan.

The Highland County Retired Teachers are delving into the one room schoolhouses across the county. As transportation improved, schools consolidated into fewer locations and one room schoolhouses were either torn down or transformed for other uses. If you are from the county, do you know where the one room schoolhouses of your ancestors were located? Stop and see if there was near where you now live.

The Towne Club sets up in the second floor hallway *(continued on page 9)* instead of a physical room.

So as you pass through be sure to examine their display about the Quaker contributions to our area and Ohio. Many parts of the country have no personal contact with this religious group. We are very lucky to still have active churches and a college in the area.

These groups have all worked very hard to create a tastefully decorated tree and room or hallway that not only beautify the museum but teaches us or reminds us of our history. As someone who moved here in December 52 years ago, I am still learning many important facts about the state of Ohio. I have created a scavenger hunt of history from each room. Pick up a copy either at the front entrance or in the gift shop. Involve your older children or grandchildren in helping find the answers. After all a museum is more than just pretty lights and ornaments or handmade gifts for Christmas. It's a place where history comes alive.

Kathy Levo



MAHALO TO OUTGOING TRUSTEES

We must take time and space to call attention and express our thanks to the outgoing members of the Board of Trustees.

First, to Nancy Wise-cup, who has served not only as a Board member, but also as appointed Secretary not only of the Board, but also of the Society, carefully recording actions at Annual and Special meetings held. In addition, she heads up the Hall of Fame Committee with all that entails. Mahalo, Nancy!

Next is Denny Kirk who has not only been a Board member, but has also served as Chair of

the Board. If you've attended functions at Highland House, we sure you've seen Denny and his twins serving meals or cleaning up. Mahalo, Denny!

Bob Brown is another very active member of HCHS and, for the last several years, the Board of Trustees. He regularly works in the Museum Shop and is frequently involved in anything else going on! Mahalo, Bob!

So, as we watch these faithful folks leave the Board, we know we'll be seeing them continuing to be involved.

Mahalo Nui Loa!

Calendar of Events - 2022

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- NOV 4 Ribbon Cutting - Grand Opening for Christmas 5-8p
- NOV 5 Christmas Open House 10a-4p
*** SEE HOLIDAY HOURS BELOW ***
- NOV 11 Veterans Day Ceremony 10:30a
- NOV 25 Santa Claus Visit 1-4p
- NOV 26 Small Business Saturday
- NOV 27 National Museum Shop Day 1-4p (Sunday)
- DEC 2 Uptown Hillsboro Celebration 11a-8p
- DEC 3 Hillsboro Christmas Parade 11a-6p
*** OPEN SPECIAL HOURS CHRISTMAS WEEK ***
Dec 20-23 - 4-7p
- DEC 24 Last open day for 2022 11a-4p

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HONORING OUR VETERANS



Highland County Historical Society will honor local veterans at a Veterans Day ceremony on November 11 at 10:30am at the Highland House Museum. The bell will toll at the eleventh hour to commemorate the signing of the peace treaty that ended World War 1.

The event is co-sponsored by the Doughboy Foundation that began in 2018 to recognize the 100th anniversary of the armistice of World War I.

More than 4.7 million Americans fought on the Western Front in Europe. Several soldiers were from Highland County.

Two hundred thousand Americans were wounded and more than 116,000 were killed in action. Private Raymond Stout was 19 years old when he became the first Highland County soldier to die in the war. He was killed in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive on September 18, 1918, about six weeks before the armistice was signed. Pvt. Stout served with the Ohio National Guard in Company G His body was returned to Highland County in 1921. His funeral was held at the National Guard Armory and is buried in the Hillsboro Cemetery.

The Meuse-Argonne Offensive was the largest and deadliest American battle of the European conflict. More than 26,000 doughboys were killed in action and more than 95,000 were wounded in the battle that lasted only 47 days.

All veterans will be recognized at the November 11 ceremony. The event is open to anyone who wants to honor a veteran.

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On Friday October 14th the HCHS hosted its first annual Haunted Hillsboro Night. Around 40 people attended this event. A few members of the historical society shared experiences that they had at the museum, and then a brief program was presented by Grandma's Ghost Chasers, a paranormal investigative group from Adams County. The investigators shared experiences that they had at the Highland House when they conducted an investigation in September. They played some recordings that they had obtained on that night and some from some other local investigations.

The guests were very interested and asked many questions about the paranormal and ghost hunting. Several guests shared experiences of their own. After the program concluded, guests were allowed to tour Highland House and do some ghost hunting on their own. It was an interesting and fun evening.

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Figuring Out Photos!



Figuring out this photo! We have flipped the photo from the original, so the reverse reflected image is now seen in its naturally occurring state. We see here, the Merchants Bank, at the corner of N High and E Main. The building seen to the right is on E Main. The confusing bit is the reflection to the left. This could be a double reflection, or something actually inside the window of this shop. The photo would have been taken on the south side of W Main and fairly close to the corner.

Now, take a look at another clue in the photo to the right. We know that the tiled area below the show window no longer exists on W Main St. The advertisement in the window is for Whitman's Chocolates. I was not able to find this exact advertisement, but found one very similar from the early 1940s.