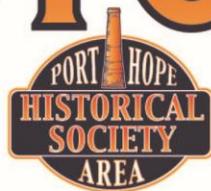


THE HISTORIAN



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PORT HOPE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

8016 Portland Ave, Box 133, Port Hope, MI 48468

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Lumberyard Museum was open to the public during this past Memorial Day. We had a nice constant flow of visitors that came to spend time with us. There were lots of new things to see. This past winter our dedicated volunteers created new rooms dedicated to various local historical topics, and Vic Ingram's airplane was proudly displayed as if it were flying through the building.

The early spring weather brought to life the plantings in the Sid Holodnick Memorial Garden along Dimond Creek.

An interesting variety of historical artifacts were received, recorded and displayed throughout the museum. Many of these old items we recognized – and a few we didn't. That's part of the fun. Perhaps a future visitor will proclaim "I know what that is – my grandparents had one!"

We are now planning for the big 4th of July celebration. Volunteers are being secured for all of the various tasks that are required. We are always looking for more volunteers to help us in so many ways. We need builders, fixers, record keepers, yard maintainers, docents and lunch fixers for worker's lunches.

And, as always, we appreciate any financial support so we can continue our efforts. If you are interested in becoming a member, please see the form included in this newsletter.

Jim Hunter, Society President

INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND AT THE LUMBERYARD

JULY 5TH, 6TH & 7TH

SID HOLODNICK MEMORIAL GARDEN

It was a rainy, fall day in 2023 when Sharri Greenway and Nancy Holodnick toured a local nursery, looking for plantings for the Port Hope garden planned in memory of Sid Holodnick.

"We knew what Sid liked, because he had let us know," Sharri said, recalling many trips with Sid through local woods and visiting local gardens.

The Sid Holodnick Memorial Garden has Sid's favorites. Among them: Crimson maples. Redbuds. Dogwoods.

Work began that fall on what everyone calls simply, "Sid's Garden." Concrete was poured. Plantings were made. Edging was put in. Mulch was laid down.

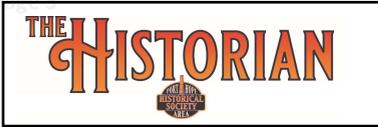
It's where Sid would take a breather after working on the Lumberyard Museum. Sitting on the bank of Dimond Creek. It was his place of contemplation and solace.

This spring, the trees are blossoming. Each tree was chosen because of its significance to Sid. He was a leader – the leader – in resurrecting the Port Hope Depot, the Rubicon Township Hall, the Port Hope Marina, and a handful of local businesses. He was a defining force in making this community come alive again.



Sid died in early 2023, and his many friends made this garden come alive in his memory. Everyone who knew him would agree that the always-modest Sid would not have wanted his name attached, but that he would have loved the space that has been created.

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SID HOLODNICK MEMORIAL GARDEN



Sharri Greenway and her husband, Richard, as well as Nancy Holodnick, often stop by the garden on quiet evenings and take a deep breath. "Sid isn't here," Sharri said. "But we can feel his presence."

Donations to the Port Huron Area Historical Society and the Sid Holodnick Memorial Garden can be sent to: PHAHS, Box 133, Port Hope, MI. 48468

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL THANK YOU!

Two weeks ago we celebrated Memorial Day, by remembering and paying respect to those that gave their lives for our country. Last week we honored the brave soldiers that landed on the shores of Omaha beach Normandy on D-Day. They were instrumental in ending World War II and keeping our country free. In a few short weeks we will be celebrating the birth of our nation. The beginning of it all. Now nearly 250 years later, we have become and continue to be the example for the world. As we prepare for the 4th celebration, let us never forget what freedoms we have, thanking all our service men & women current & past, and most of all, giving thanks to God for all that he has provided us.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



ONCE UPON A TIME

A STORY OF ONE BUILDING OCCUPYING TWO DIFFERENT LOTS

Most visitors and residents think of Port Hope Main Street as a quaint street of nicely refurbished old buildings that house a variety of businesses. Places to purchase gas, hardware, antiques, or a nice place to have a great meal, or maybe even an ice cream cone afterwards. With one's mind on that giant ice cream cone, their thought process doesn't go much deeper than that. All the while, each of those old buildings holds a wealth of information within its walls, each hoping to tell their story. Stories, far more fascinating than that wonderful ice cream cone. That is where The Port Hope Area Historical Society steps in. In addition to our beautiful lumber yard museum, and its artifacts, displays and Genealogy Center, we research and gather information on the history of the buildings themselves and the interesting stories they hold.

This is one of those stories. In particular, a two-story frame building that started its life at one location on Main Street and ended its life in a pile of burnt rubble and cinders at another location.



Today, the only evidence that survives are two vacant lots on the east side of main Street. One sitting just south of the white brick building that is still there today, (The old telephone bldg.), and the other sitting between the Bucholtz house and the large Winkel building, (originally the Melligan bldg.).

The story begins in the early 1900's or so. Lem Pochert constructed the two-story wood framed building at 4444 Main Street, to house his meat market business. It sat on the lot just south of the white brick building. After a few years in business at that location, Lem constructed a second single-story building on the lot just south and moved his business there. The two-story building changed hands in 1906, now being owned by James Savage and William Turk. After a few years it was purchased by Fred Koglin. Fred soon turned it into Port Hope's first pool room. Fred's Girlfriend, E. Grace Martin, set up a millinery shop on the second floor.



The two Story building in the center of each photo showing its original location at 4444 Main. Prior to being relocated south of the Winkel Building. (Orig. the Melligan Bldg)

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THE HISTORIAN *STORIES OF INTEREST*



ONCE UPON A TIME

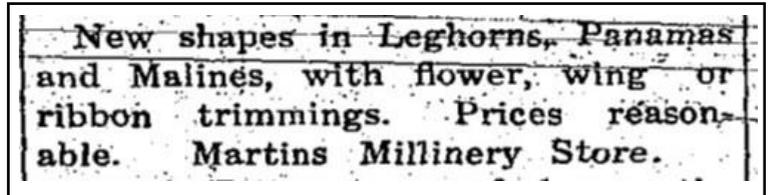
A STORY OF ONE BUILDING SITTING IN TWO LOCATIONS

In 1920, Fred decided to move the entire building down the street just south of the Winkel building. It became Grace Martin's Millinery shop. After moving the building, Fred started constructing a new pool hall on the vacant site. It was a clay tile with stucco/pea stone single-story building. (and the one that many still remember today).

With the two-story building now relocated and refurbished, and a new pool hall built in the vacant space, things were looking good. The two-story building was perfect for Grace as she set up her millinery shop on the first floor and Fred & Grace set up their living quarters on the second floor. Fred's new pool hall at the old location was an instant success. Things were going well for Fred & Grace.



Two Story building relocated and now housing Grace Martin's Millinery Shop (The building on the right is today's "Pit Stop". The Bucholtz house is in between and sits back, out of the picture.



Harbor Beach Times advertisement dated 7-23-1920.

As the good times were continuing, life was about to change forever.

In March of 1942, Fred Koglin passed away at the early age of fifty-seven. Grace, now alone and mourning Fred's passing, would soon face another devastating event.

It was in the early morning hours of June 22, 1942, when Mrs. Martin was awakened to find her second floor living quarters filled with smoke. With flames starting to enter the apartment, she quickly threw on some clothes and rushed for the front stairway. It was totally engulfed in flames. With her lungs filled with smoke, she managed to find her way to

the outside back stairway. She stumbled out the back door and fell down part of the stairs, suffering some minor injuries in the process. The Port Hope Fire Department responded quickly to the alarm and did their best to contain the flames. To make matters worse, J. Harrison Tinsey, the Port Hope Fire Chief, collapsed on the way to the fire, suffering a mild heart attack. Dr. Earnshaw, upon being notified of the emergency, rushed to the scene, gave quick aid to Mrs. Martin, and was able to transport both Mrs. Martin and Chief Tinsey to the Harbor Beach Hospital in his car.

The building suffered a total loss. The entire stock of the millinery store and all of Mrs. Martin's personal belongings, all totally lost. The two-story frame building, nothing but a pile of smoldering ashes and burnt wood.

Mr. Tinsey was admitted, checked out, and apparently able to leave the hospital the following day. Mrs. Martin suffered from smoke inhalation as well as bumps and bruises. She remained in the hospital for a few days but recovered completely. Despite her devastating loss, Grace Martin actively continued her involvement in village affairs. Fire Chief Tinsey continued in his capacity as fire chief.

80 years has passed and all memories are long forgotten. The story has however survived. The next time you pass the location where E. Grace Martin's Millinery sat, you will notice a flat grassy area just south of the old Winkel building. That is precisely where the two-story frame building once sat, A flat piece of land that unknowingly held a wealth of information. (Until now).

The 6-26-1942 Harbor Beach times article is shown on the next page.

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Port Hope Building Destroyed by Fire

One of the oldest buildings in the business district of Port Hope is a total loss as the result of an early Monday morning fire in that village, with a loss of around \$6,000.

About four o'clock that morning Mrs. E. Grace Martin awakened and found her apartment full of smoke. She lived above her millinery shop. She dressed in a hurried manner and by that time the flames were entering the apartment.

Mrs. Martin made her exit by a back stairway and in doing so fell part of the way. She suffered from shock and the injuries in falling as well as having breathed much smoke.

J. Harrison Tinsey, chief of the village fire department, collapsed while on his way to the fire and was brought to the Harbor Beach hospital suffering from a heart attack. He was discharged from the hospital on Tuesday.

Mrs. Martin was given first aid by Dr. J. H. Earnshaw, as was Mr. Tinsey, and brought to the hospital by Dr. Earnshaw in his car.

The building is a total loss, as well as the contents, both in the millinery shop and Mrs. Martin's personal belongings. It is stated that the only items recovered were some linen and rings found in a bureau drawer that fire had not entered.

Mrs. Martin has operated her shop in the building for the past 21 years and cannot account for the origin and it is thought defective wiring was at fault.

The Port Hope fire department did good work in confining the blaze to the building, which was a part of the Fred Koglin estate.

WHAT STORIES MAY BE NEXT

You probably have never heard of the story about Grace Martin's Millinery Store. While certainly a very sad story, it is just one of hundreds of interesting stories. Whether it be the history of a particular building, or the railroad, or maybe the lumbering industry, The Port Hope Area Historic Society is your resource to learn more.

If you have any old photos or interesting stories, we are ready to listen.

An example of a possible story for a future issue is shown below in a "before" and "after" format. We're sure you are all aware of the "after" picture, but what about the 120 years in between. That's what our society is all about!



BEFORE & AFTER



2024 EVENTS & OPEN DAYS AT THE LUMBERYARD

JUN 15TH. & 16. FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND

JUL 5TH, 6TH, & 7TH. - 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

AUG 17TH. - ABC DAY - BEAN SOUP AND MORE

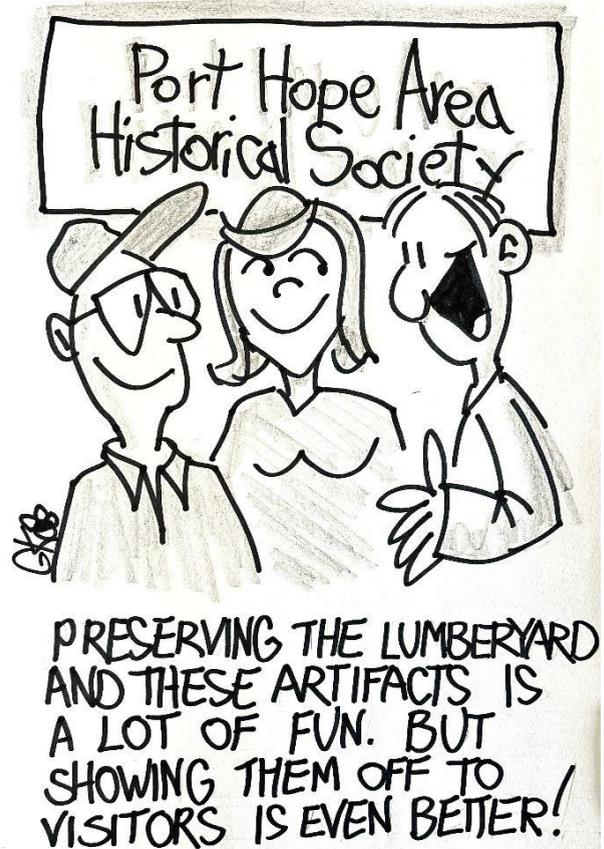
AUG 31ST. SEP 1ST, - LABOR DAY WEEKEND

SEPT 12TH, HOSTING HURON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

SEPT 28TH. 29TH. - MUSEUM WEEKEND -

MEMORY LUNCHESES - DATES T.B.D.

BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON THE 2ND TUE. OF EACH MONTH THRU NOV.



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Membership / Contribution Form

Please fill out this form and mail with your check to:
 P.H.A.H.S.
 P.O. Box 133
 Port Hope MI, 48468



Port Hope Area Historical Society
 8016 Portland Ave.
 Port Hope MI, 48468
 Questions: 989-428-4831

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Spouse First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Spouse Phone _____ Email Address _____

Yearly Membership: Single _____ (\$25.00) **Family** _____ (\$40.00)
 January 1 thru December 31 (must be renewed each calendar year by May 15)

Life Member _____ (\$500) **Founders/Life Member** _____ (\$1,000.00)

All members will receive the quarterly newsletter and member names listed periodically in the newsletter. Founders & Life Members will have a personalized name plaque displayed on the membership tree at the Historical Center.

This section is for a contribution that may be made with or without a membership.

I would like to support the Port Hope Area Historical Society to further its development and wish to make a contribution in the amount of \$ _____ (Make check payable to: "Port Hope Area Historical Society".
 (Contributions to the PHAHS, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization are tax deductible according to IRS guidelines.)

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PORT HOPE

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2024
4TH OF JULY
FESTIVAL

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SATURDAY
Fireworks
At Dusk!

BIG PARADE
SUNDAY
At 2 p.m.!

FRIDAY
SATURDAY
SUNDAY

JULY 5, 6 & 7

FREE Shuttle Service between both sites • July 6 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 

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8016 Portland Ave.
(the old lumberyard)

Gates Open Daily
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$4.00
ENTRY FEE
to Flea Market and
Lumberyard Museum

All proceeds support the Port Hope Area Historical Society

★ **Flea Market (outdoors)**

- Crafts & Collectibles • New & Vintage Goods
- Food, Snacks, Coffee, Soft Drinks
- Live Entertainment

★ **Lumberyard Museum**

- Rural Life Exhibits from Years Ago
- Dairy Display • Farm Equipment
- Restored Farmall A Tractor
- Hand-Built Biplane • Old Tools
- Country Kitchen • One-Room School
- Diorama • Historic Buggies
- Hands-On Demonstrations • Memorial Garden

★ **Port Hope Depot**
8046 Portland Avenue

- Free Admission • Donations Welcome
- Restored 1904 Depot & Caboose
- Model Railroading • Railroad Memorabilia

PORT HOPE ACTIVITY CENTER . . .
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FRIDAY

Antique Tractor Show REGISTRATION 8 a.m. • TRACTOR SHOW OPENS 8 a.m.
Truck & Tractor Pull - Thumb Tractor Pulling Association 6:30 p.m.
Modified Truck & Tractor Pull • Admission: \$10.00 • 989-550-3617, Dan
FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE FROM MAIN PARKING LOT
(ACROSS FROM THE HOPE ACTIVITY CENTER) TO THE PULL STARTING AT 5:00 p.m.
Concessions Available from Sandmann's, Thumb Lickin' BBQ

SATURDAY

Hot Breakfast Veterans Eat Free 7 - 11 a.m.
5K Run \$25 Includes T-Shirt & Hot Breakfast REGISTRATION 7 a.m. • STARTS 8 a.m.
Fun Run Following 5K Awards
Antique Tractor Show REGISTRATION 8 a.m. • TRACTOR SHOW OPENS 8 a.m.
Quilt Show REGISTRATION 8:30 a.m. • QUILT SHOW 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Contact Madelyn Stacer 989-550-0171
Tractor Parade REGISTRATION BY MAIN GATE 9 a.m. & 3 p.m.
TRACTOR PARADE STARTS 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.
Book Sale 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Makers Market • Contact Mindy 989-553-1196 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Petting Zoo 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Children's Activities 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bean Soup & Concessions 11 a.m.
Ice Cream 11 a.m. - Dark
Music Michael Lupinski 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Huron Out 12:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Jeff Kowaleski & Rich Bucholz 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
TENTATIVE 11 a.m.

Sawmill Demonstration
Chicken BBQ 400 Dinners Available
1/2 Chicken, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Dinner Roll, & Lemonade 1 p.m.
BMX Stunt Bike DEMONSTRATION 12 - 2 p.m. • MAIN SHOWS 4 & 8 p.m.
Corn Shredder Demonstration 12:30 p.m.
Tractor Pull Antique Tractors • 989-550-5346, Mark
Concessions Available from Sandmann's 1 p.m.
Kiddie Tractor Pull • Contact Mindy 989-553-1196 SIGN-UP 1 p.m. • START 2 p.m.
Fireworks Dusk

SUNDAY

Hot Breakfast Veterans Eat Free 7 - 10 a.m.
Joyful Sounds Gospel Quartet 10:30 a.m.
PARADE - DOWNTOWN 2 p.m.
NO ENTRY FEE Schedule Subject to Change

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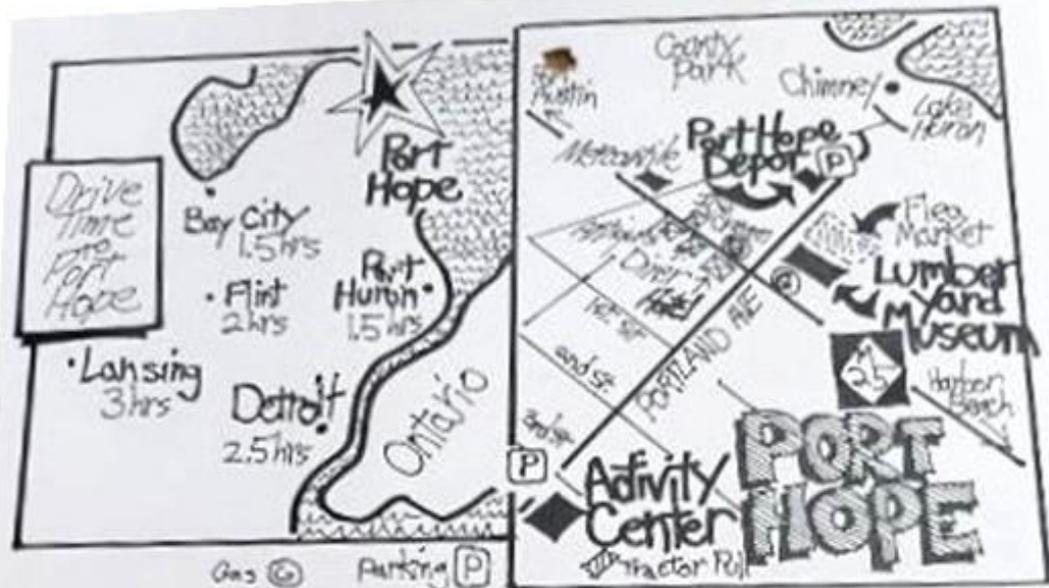
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- Quiet time 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. No generators or excessive noise.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times and you are responsible to clean up after your animal.
- You are responsible for cleaning up your 20' x 20' area.
- No selling of pornographic materials.
- No selling of beverages or foods.
- No ATV's may be used in Flea Market.

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THE FAMILY
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PLEASE
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THAT IF YOU
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FOLLOW THESE
RULES, YOU
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IMMEDIATELY.

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**WHERE THE FUN
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Exhibitor's Advance Flea Market Registration (20' x 20' Space) – \$20.00

By registering for a space, I acknowledge, understand and agree to follow the rules outlined.

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ No. of Spaces Required _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please check appropriate box: Antique Arts & Crafts New Garage Sale Misc.



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