

We thought all the weirdness of the past two years was finally over, but we were wrong. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we got a late jump on our event list. Our last meeting was in October, the April meeting was cancelled and the May meeting had us re-evaluating our plans for the year. We like to think that it was [our great walking tours](#) that inspired others. The Sandusky Library has embraced walking tours with enthusiasm and other historical societies are doing the same. So where does that leave us? We don't want to step on anyone's toes, and we certainly don't want events that compete with others. We are looking for suggestions on some *Members Only* tours that you would enjoy.



**ANOTHER BOAT TOUR** –One thing we can agree on is that we want to do another boat tour aboard the *Goodtime I*. We are still working on details, but we are shooting for September 8 for a Sunset Cruise of Johnson's Island, Cedar Point, Marblehead, and Lakeside. Details will be posted on our website and we will be sending out information by email and Facebook.



**OUR ANNUAL MEETING** will be Sunday, November 13 with a guest speaker to be announced. Yes, there will be food (that great Sandusky Yacht Club buffet) as well as a few silent auction baskets. Watch for details.

We have a new email address – [ECHSOHio@outlook.com](mailto:ECHSOHio@outlook.com)



**OUR CONDOLENCES** to Board Member John Hildebrandt and his family on the loss of his wife. Marie Hildebrandt, who passed away on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022, after a three-month battle with cancer. She was a columnist and investigative reporter for the Sandusky Register and an award-winning freelance writer for several publications. Marie was an Erie County Master Gardner, a member of the first graduating class in 2000. She served three 4-year terms as a Perkins Township trustee. She served for two years as chairperson of the Erie Regional Planning Commission. She co-authored "Lake Erie's Shores and Islands," a history of the tourism industry in western Lake Erie, published by Arcadia in 2015.

**NEW STUFF ON OUR [WEBSITE](#)** – We are constantly evolving. We recently expanded our [Events](#) page to include, not just OUR events, but those of the history groups in Erie County. Now it is a the best place to go to see who is speaking where and what tours are being offered. Who knew there was this much going on?

Thanks to the [New York Central System Historical Society](#) for sending us two back issues of their magazine, Central Headlight. There is a wonderfully detailed history of train service in Sandusky in two parts, written by Ron Helmecci. These are well-researched articles with lots of photos from private collections. If you are a train buff, this is THE article series to read.





**BERLIN HTS. HISTORICAL SOCIETY** – And here we thought we had absolutely every single history group on our website. How did we miss this? More interestingly, how did we discover it? We received a bundle of letters written by John Daniels to his family in Berlin Heights, and a handful of letters FROM his family. An enclosed note says: “Berlin township, Erie County, Ohio. Enlisted this fifth day of August 1862.” Return address on envelopes indicates 101 Regiment O.V.I. “Died in hospital No. 14 at Nashville on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1983.” (Measles which ran rampant through his company.)



These are just newsy letters, inquiring about the health of the family and the farm. The Berlin Hts. Historical Society has a nice page on their village website and a [Facebook page](#) Berlin Hts. History. We got this nice thank you from them: "Just wanted to let you know we received the John Daniels letters. We can't thank you enough. They are

full of information. We have a file on that Daniels family so this may tie everything together." We are so glad that we found the perfect home for these historic letters.

The [Sandusky Library](#) has a wonderful collection of memorabilia, artifacts, and microfilmed newspapers going back to the 1830s. We share so many of their posts. Their [History Blog](#) contains hundreds of interesting pictures and facts. You can find almost anything there. And, if you use the search function (upper left corner) the results are combined so you don't have to search for and read each individual post! We work closely with the library to help people with their questions.

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We also send them with items that we have received. Because we don't have a museum or archives, they are the perfect place to protect these items. Recently, Steve Ingham sent us a War Ration Book for a child of the Opie family. He found it in a Goodwill store in Salem Oregon! Our favorite resource person, Dorene Paul found more on this family and wrote: I think this person was part of the extended family of the Opie family connected with [O-P Craft in Sandusky](#) for several years! Turns out she was right.

On the other hand, our [Facebook](#) posts have generated some remarkable answers to questions. With nothing more to go on then this photo of this Pennsylvania Railroad locomotive working in Sandusky, our followers were able to pinpoint its exact location.



If you haven't 'Followed' us yet on Facebook, you are missing out on some really interesting stuff. We have over 1000 followers and our posts reach thousands of people each month.

**OLD NEWS - May 22, 1894** - In Mayor's court Monday Irene Kelly, keeper of a house of ill-repute on Wayne street, was fined \$50 and costs and Pearl Chandler an inmate, \$25 and costs. James Smith and George Post, visitors, were fined \$10 and costs each.

**HISTORIC MARKER UPDATES** - You probably noticed that the Follett House Museum's Historic Marker is missing. Age had taken its toll and the post needed repairs. In the meantime, the Sandusky Library is considering redoing the marker entirely to be more descriptive of the house's significance.

The Hinde & Dauch marker has been redone to be more descriptive. We are awaiting installation on its new site (still near the H & D/Chesapeake Lofts building. Details to follow.

Also, the new marker for Almon Ruggles and the Unknown Sailor-Battle of Lake Erie, will be dedicated this year. We are working on a date.

The marker identifying Sandusky's first cemetery is being removed. A question was raised about the location of this cemetery and since we could not confirm that this site was correct (it WAS established 1816-1830 after all), we decided to remove it. [HERE](#) is some of the history of cemeteries and this one in particular that we have found.

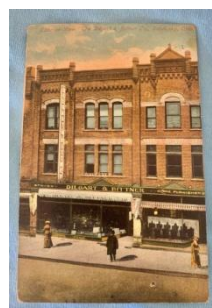
You can view all the historic markers in Erie County [HERE](#). What a great goal to add to your bucket list; visiting each one.



**CHASING DOWN HISTORY** – The Schmidt building, located on E. Market St., is now the home of Value City Furniture. The [Sanborn Insurance Maps](#) show that this building was originally planned to be built as a 3-story brick wine cellar for the Engels & Krudwig Wine Co., which had a building across the street. Instead of occupying the entire building, the basement was leased to the company, which pressed 400 tons of grapes in the fall of 1893, while construction was still ongoing.

In April of 1894, the [J. L. Hudson Store](#) opened at this location. The J. L. Hudson Company, which had its headquarters in Detroit, claimed that this store was the largest and finest in Erie County. Over the years several businesses operated out of this building. Shortly after Hudson's closed, Dilgart & Bittner moved in. What is remarkable is that 130 years later, some of the original features of that building are still in place!

We are working on a page for Dilgart & Bittner.



**OLD NEWS – SCRAPS FROM APRIL 1870** - The soda-water season will soon be on hand. A straw hat was visible on the streets yesterday. A fine billiard room has been opened by Mr. Mittleberger in his rooms over the stove-stores, formerly occupied as a Masonic hall. The fishing season is expected to commence this week, by which time it is thought the lake pounds will be in operation. Fishermen are working hard to get them out during the present fine weather. But few fish have been brought in as yet, and only those that are called Bay fish. Mrs. Grundy says that a lady's toilet is not deemed complete this season, without a "dress locket" worn pendant from a rich dress chain of large gold links.

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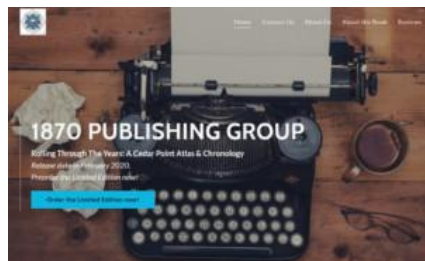
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**THE 1870 PUBLISHING GROUP** - If you go back in time a hundred years ago, the roller coasters were an afterthought. Cedar Point in the early days was all about getting away to the beach, catching a live show in the Ballroom, socializing on the Hotel Breakers porch, or having a fine picnic with your co-workers. **Rolling Through The Years** is a look back across time at the development and changes at the Worlds' Greatest Amusement Park. Author Ken Miller has spent the last seven years exploring the history of the resort. Magazine articles, museum archives, and over

100,000 newspaper articles spanning 200 years were examined for this detailed history of Cedar Point. Over 75 historical maps of the peninsula and over 1200 images are included in the book. Want to learn more about this book? Click [HERE](#).

**OLD NEWS - June 28, 1894 - Medicine Men** - Chief Spotted Horse, better known as Geo. Squires, the Indian Medicine Man, accompanied by his wife and two sons, John Grey Horse and Jake Big Trees, arrived in the city Monday from Beaver Falls Pa. They have pitched their tents on Townsend green at the corner of Scott and Wayne streets and are selling an Indian medicine. So far they have been quite successful with their sales and the medicine is reported as being very good for the diseases they specify.