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## AROUND THE SOCIETY...

According to the calendar Spring has arrived. It just seems that Mother Nature was not informed. Hopefully, warmer weather is on the way.

Our main event for May will be our annual yard sale to be held Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Museum grounds. If you would like to de-clutter your house, we are taking donations—no clothes, large furniture, or TVs. You can drop off your donations any Tuesday or Saturday morning between 9 and 11, or if you can't make it then, call Penny Huber, 931-6420, and we can arrange to meet you at the museum. And remember to come and shop!!

The Museum will be open following the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28, and again prior to the fireworks on Tuesday, July 3.

Hope to see you at all our events.

- Penny Huber, president



Yard sale 2017

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The Mt. Healthy Historical Society Museum is open most Tuesday and Saturday mornings, 9-11, and the first Sunday of each month (except January and February), 1-3 p.m.

# Our Educational program



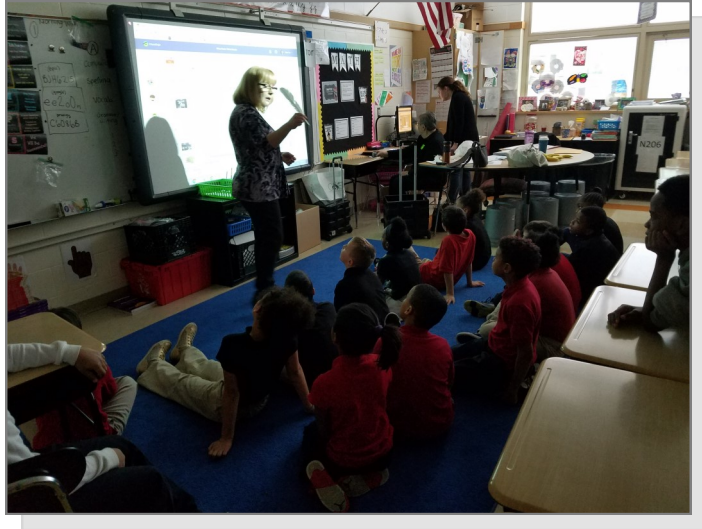
Penny Huber and Julie Turner visited each of the third-grade classes in the two Mt. Healthy elementary schools in February and March.

In the first visit they shared information on our town's founding and early businesses. The kids got to see a Mt. Healthy brick and photos of some buildings from the turn of the last century that they could recognize from today. They particularly enjoy seeing the old Hunt Hardware store, which they know now as the home of Aquatics and Exotics.

During the second visit, the children learned about transportation and communications. In the photo, Julie shows students in one of the classes at North Elementary a quill similar to one schoolchildren would have used for writing when Mt. Healthy was new.

The students got to see how laborious it was to write with a quill and a bottle of ink. They also got to see a telegraph transmitter/receiver and two old types of telephones, as well as photos of the train and the streetcar that once serviced our town.

This program has been a big success over the past few years. The year-end wrap-up will be in May, when the classes will come to see our museum.



## BASKETS

By Joan (Mrs. John T.) Knox



Basket making is one of the oldest forms of craft for utilitarian and decorative purposes. Through radio-carbon dating impressions go back as far as 27,000 years.

In the center of Mt. Healthy back in the 1800s was a basket company owned by the Oester family from which my husband is a descendent.

The art of weaving was passed down to their daughter, Carrie, and her husband, George Koehler, parents of Ella Koehler Knox. Ella would use the market baskets (one of which is pictured) for going to the store.

Ella's daughter, Cathy, has one of the market baskets, and we have the one pictured. The other basket pictured (on the left) was made in Dresden, Ohio, in 1989. The main difference is the tiny nails used at the rim of the newer basket.

The baskets are really sturdy. I have used them for carrying can goods camping and boating for almost 50 years.

# Mt. Healthy's Tailor Shops

In the 19th and early 20th century tailoring—mainly the sewing of pants—represented one of Mt. Healthy's most important occupations. We don't have any record of when this began, but we do know that it predates the Civil War, when some of the shops in town provided pants for the Union Army.

Most of the workers in the shops were women, although men made up a small proportion of the shops' workforce. Generally the women did the sewing and the men did the pressing, which required more strength.

In 1991 Hamilton County performed a historic inventory of local communities, including Mt. Healthy. Their report gave considerable attention to the town's tailoring past. Estimates of how many such shops existed in the community vary, but the historic inventory asserts that there were at least 28 at one point. It also says that by 1939 there were just seven left.

The historic inventory recommended that the town apply for National Register status for the remaining tailor shops under the designation "Mt. Healthy Cottage Garment Industry Thematic Grouping," but this action was never taken. Few of the shops remain today, and we have only sketchy knowledge of the exact location of some that once hummed with activity.

This month we're highlighting a few of the more mysterious ones. If you have any information or additional photos of these, please let us know.



Labeled as tailor shop, possibly on Elizabeth.



Above: Lutkehauer's tailor shop (at least that what the label on the back appears to say).

Below: "Leopold Dirr's Tailor Shop." The building does not appear in the Hamilton County Historic Inventory. Do you recognize it?

Bottom: The historic inventory lists this house at 7821 Harrison Ave. as a possible tailor shop.



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