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History Begins With You!

SEE PAGE 3 FOR NEW LCHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



LCHS Brings the Fabulous Dan Zola 19-piece orchestra to Quail Hollow on Feb. 10

Ever heard an actual "big band" and the power of 19 instruments playing everything from swing to waltz? Find a new kind of fun!

Chase the doldrums of winter with a night out unlike any you have ever had, or perhaps haven't experienced in years. Imagine sitting in a beautiful setting at Quail Hollow, enjoying a delicious meal with your choice of entrée. You chat with friends, enjoy something from the cash bar, try your luck at the sideboards and peruse the auction items. You're waiting for the fun of the reverse raffle for which you have received a ticket along with your admission, and you begin to hear the amazing sounds of many instruments.

A full orchestra has become a rare occurrence and its ability to get your feet tapping forgotten. Some of your younger friends have joined your table, they love the powerful music and head to the floor. This is one of the most delightful and unique nights in a long time.

Just listening to the music is wonderful, but dance partners roam the floor looking for guests who like to dance, but did not bring a partner. Do not miss this evening, a long time in coming. Only \$50 and part of the ticket price supports the education programs at the History Center, a worthy cause. Sponsorships are also available from \$500-\$3000 and include tickets and recognition. Please purchase your tickets today, it will be an evening to remember, chaired by Karen Sawitke, Annie Hitchcock (sponsor), Linda Hange, Jill Householder, David Lamiell (sponsor) and the LCHS Volunteer Corps.

Two Long-Term Board Members Retire from Service

LCCHS purchased their current site in 2007 and by January of 2008 had moved the entire museum from the previous Kirtland Hills site to the former County Home.

Among the first residents to join the Board after the move were Jeanette Crislip and George Maier. With the new Center located in Painesville Township, Jeanette was invaluable in assisting the Board and staff in learning how and who to contact regarding a wide array of issues from getting permits to building relationships with Painesville



Township staff and personnel. In addition to her advice and guidance, Jeanette has been generous in her donations to LCCHS including a sponsorship of the Home for the Holidays celebration in 2016.

George Maier came onto the Board as an active citizen of Mentor, having worked on several projects with the city and county. His financial background led to George being elected Treasurer of the Board for several years. He and his wife Sonja, regularly attend LCCHS events and volunteer for a number of activities.



Thank you for your service, you will be greatly missed.

LCCHS Needs Your Support In Annual Campaign Drive

LCCHS operates the Lake County History Center as a resource for the entire Lake County Community. School districts from across the County bring their 2-4th grade students for Pioneer School and the Native American program “Walking in their Moccasins.” Hundreds of children come to learn lessons of survival on the frontier in terms they can use today including work ethic, risk taking, community effort and entrepreneurship. “The Civil War Experience” doubled in attendance from 2016 to 2017 giving middle school students an up close and personal look at aspects of Civil War life.

Adults are educated and entertained with a long list of Speaker’s Bureau presentations given at sites across the county. The website gives guests access to thousands of photos and documents from the collection online. Exhibits and community programs add depth and understanding to Lake County’s past. Much of LCCHS revenue is earned, supported by business sponsorships and grants, but contributions need to be about \$30,000 for 2018.

Help us reach our goal with your tax deductible contribution or estate planned bequest.

Shopping on Amazon In 2018?



All members and friends of the Lake County Historical Society are reminded that if they shop on Amazon, there is now an account to benefit the Historical Society.

Sign in on smile.amazon.com.

You’ll still have access to the regular Amazon shopping site, but a portion of your purchase price will benefit the work of LCCHS. Thank you for your continued support.



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

There are few events at the History Center that require the prep time of Home for the Holidays. 2017 marked the 10th year for this amazing event. It brings hundreds of new visitors and thousands of dollars in revenue. It has been named “the most lavish Christmas display in Lake County.” The countless hours donated by the decorating crew in the weeks leading to the event, time spent by volunteer bakers who bring their special Christmas treats to Santa’s Sweet Shop and all the volunteers needed to staff the event are phenomenal. There is something for all guests to enjoy from music box shows to craft vendors and a delicious lunch. The Board and Staff want to thank all who gave so much for this event’s success.

LCHS Board of Directors Announces New Staff

Already hard at work, three new staff members are committed to bringing the community the best in service and support in 2018 and beyond. Most exciting is the Board announcement of the new Executive Director, Lea Sinclair Filson.

Lea (pronounced Lee) is responsible for the general management, fundraising, daily operations overseeing programming, community events and the strategic direction set by the LCHS Board of Directors. Her background dovetails very well with the requirements of the position. Lea is leaving her job as Director of Communications for the New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation which she held for twelve years. She has also worked as a journalist in radio, television and print. Most recently, she served as Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Other experiences include serving on the Board of the Urban League New Orleans, Development Director for the New Orleans Symphony and marketing for the Historic New Orleans collection. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communication with an education degree and Masters with honors at Eastern Illinois University.



Executive Director– Lea Sinclair Filson

Lea is not new to Lake County. "My husband, Ron, is from a third generation family from Leroy Township, and we always planned to move here when the opportunity was right," said Lea. "To be able to help Lake County residents preserve and learn the history here will be an honor and a privilege." Kathie Purmal, former Exec Director and current Operations Manager is very excited about working with Lea. "I'm working with the Board and Lea to see that she has a deep orientation to the Center, has an opportunity to meet with other community leaders, and connect with volunteers. I am delighted she accepted the position."

David Lamiell, LCHS Board member and chair of the Search Committee noted, "Experience in all factors needed in managing a Center such as ours made her a top candidate, as well as her excellent presentation in front of the Board."

Top Skills Give LCHS Bookkeeping Department Valuable New Staff

Working with the new Executive Director, will be Lisa M. Bagley, whose name is followed by C.P.A. and M.B.A., initials that tells LCHS that this new staff member brings a great deal of knowledge and experience. Her Bachelor of Business Administration is from Kent State, her Masters in Business Admin from Cleveland State and has been a Certified Public Accountant since 2006.



Lisa Bagley

Lisa's job will be to keep the bookkeeping duties current, correct and transparent., She will oversee activities from budgets to payroll.

She has worked as a financial analyst for Avery Dennison, risk analyst for Forest City Enterprises and a staff auditor for Parker Hannifin. At LCHS, she will work with Board Treasurer, Joe Kovalcheck.

She lives in Madison and is the mother of two young girls.

The Voice and Face of LCHS Is Represented by Staff from Federal SCSEP Program

LCHS is a host site for a Federally funded program



Dorothy Wise

titled the *Senior Community Service Employment Program*. In exchange for 20 hours of paid work time, the host agency agrees to train the Senior Staffer in modern business practices.

LCHS welcomes Dorothy Wise as the new senior staffer and delightful presence in reception. She is handling the desk and phones in a

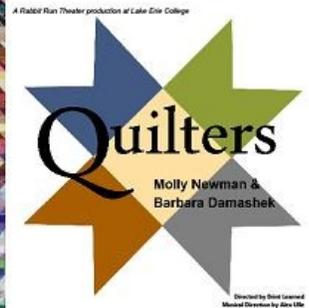
friendly and professional manner.

Dorothy has lived in Painesville for 40 years, has 4 children, 3 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. "I really enjoy working at the Center, seeing the exhibits and learning local history," said Dorothy.

LCHS Teams with Rabbit Run Theatre to Celebrate All Things Quilted & More At Lake Erie College

Exhibit Sponsored by Blakely Insurance

The LCHS, Lake Erie College, Rabbit Run Theater, and others are collaborating on a month-long event at Lake Erie College. Rabbit Run Theater is performing “Quilters: the Musical” in the C.K. Rickel Theatre in Royce Hall on the campus of Lake Erie College. It runs from February 9th through March 4th. LCHS is installing an exhibit of pioneer era artifacts, quilts, and coverlets to compliment the performance. The exhibit is in the Fine Arts Gallery in Royce Hall (it is a U-shaped gallery that surrounds the theatre). Along with LCHS artifacts, the Western Reserve Spinners and Weavers are helping with the exhibit installation and will be displaying modern textile arts.



“**Quilts** is a rich and heartwarming mosaic that captures the sweep and beauty, fear and joy and the harsh reality and abundant rewards of 19th century pioneer life,” states Rabbit Run staff.

To compliment this presentation, Lynn Vandevort, LCHS curator worked with Brett Learned of Rabbit Run to allow theatre goers to step back in time to view LCHS artifacts such as quilts and coverlets, clothing and furniture, and tools for spinning and weaving from the pioneer era of Lake County (1800 to 1850).

A unique addition setting this exhibit apart from all other quilt exhibits will be the fabulous textile art pieces from the Western Reserve Spinners and Weavers Guild. These local artists have taken the skills of our pioneers, who spun and wove their own fabrics, and brought them into the 21st century. Modern art pieces will complete the story of the essential pioneer skill. *(Free admission to the exhibit. Hours are M-F from 10-5, Sat. 11-3.)*

Actual Stories of Determined Lake County Pioneer Women Also Featured at Exhibit

The following stories come from the annals of the LCHS research library and include details of the lives of actual women who first settled Lake County. Many more will be found in the exhibit.

Willoughby : Daniel Boone “kilt a bar” and so did Catharine Miller.

Catharine Miller and her husband John came to Ohio in 1800. The family had come from Lancaster, PA, as part of the party of 66 who accompanied General Paine. They moved to the Marsh Settlement (Mentor) in 1802 and their son, Samuel, was born - the first white male born in Lake County. John Miller was killed in 1809 at a barn raising . He was lifting a log, fell across a stump and broke his back. Catharine was left a widow with five children.

Several stories survive of Catharine’s life. She once encountered a common, but dangerous pest. She heard a noise in the pig pen., went out and found a bear. She returned to the house for the ax and “Bruin was quickly dispatched, so bear meat was added to the larder.”

She is recorded as 100 years old in an article of pioneer reminiscences on December 1, 1859, in the Painesville Telegraph. She is buried in Willoughby Village Cemetery with her son Samuel and his family.

Mentor : Honeymoon on Horseback

Charlotte Adams was born August 17, 1780, in Avon, New York. She met her husband, Ebenezer Merry, in her home town of Avon in 1800. Ebenezer had come to Ohio, bought land and built a log cabin. He then decided to go back East to find a wife. When he met Charlotte, he asked her to marry him. She agreed and they were married on May 5, 1800, in New York. The honeymoon was a 12 day trip back to Ohio on horseback ! The road was just a Native American trail. When they arrived in Mentor on May 26, 1800, they lived in Ebenezer’s cabin in the Marsh Settlement. According to Charlotte, there were only three other families in the township prior to their arrival.

Charlotte had six children while in Mentor. In November 1814, the family moved to Milan, Ohio. Charlotte had 3 more children there , lived to the age of 99 years and is buried in Milan Cemetery.

200 years ago, Women Thrived on Lake Count's Frontier- Could You Today?

More of their stories of survival and determined success.

Concord : Mother of a Woodworking Dynasty

Lucy Dean was born in Rocky River in 1817. She was raised by an aunt and uncle because her mother died shortly after her birth. She married David Mills Pease. Her husband was a farmer and made furniture at his own water- powered chair factory. In 1850 she and her family moved to Cascade Hollow, in Concord, where her husband had bought land and converted a sawmill into a factory to make woodenware. "Peaseware" became known worldwide, being exhibited at The 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exposition and The World Exposition in New Orleans in 1884. When asked how they made such beautiful woodenware, the answer was always, "In Ohio the wood grows that way." Lucy died in 1857 of consumption (tuberculosis).



Peaseware

Painesville : Mother of Famous Artists

Harriet Wolcott Beard – Harriet was born in Connecticut, the daughter of an aristocratic Scottish family. She married Captain James Beard, the son of a Connecticut judge and grandson of an aristocratic English family. Shortly after settling in Painesville in 1821, the captain died leaving Harriet a widow with five children. Undaunted, Mrs. Beard was a refined lady of culture, who continued to educate her children well. Her oldest child at eleven years old, James Henry, was a natural artist, and supported the family with his art. He eventually trained in Europe and returned to the United States to become one of the premier portrait artists of the fledgling country.



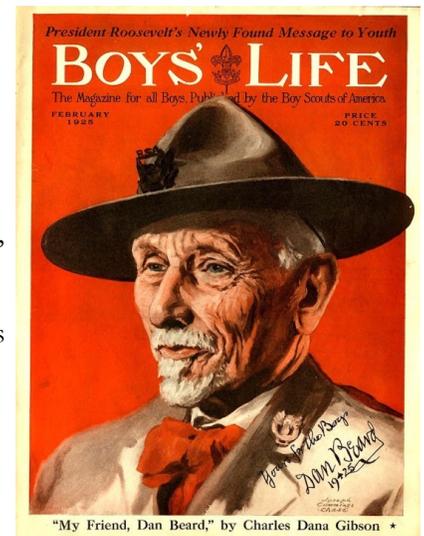
James Beard- Z.Taylor

James had a younger brother named William Holbrook Beard who also had talent. William eventually moved to New York and developed a style satirizing human behavior using animals. His most famous painting is *Dancing Bears* which depicts "a big hoe down in the forest



Dancing Bears

Harriet's grandson by James Henry was Daniel Carter Beard. Daniel founded the Boy Scouts of America. He was an artist like his father and became Mark Twain's favorite illustrator illustrating *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* among others. Daniel's brother, Thomas Francis Beard (Frank), also became a well-known illustrator working for Harper's Weekly. Harriet lived to be eighty-eight.



Daniel Carter Beard- Boy Scouts

Painesville : Alone and Lonesome

Abigail Jones Goldsmith married in 1808 a man named Jonathan Goldsmith, then a cobbler by trade. They had ten children two of which died in infancy. Goldsmiths moved from their home in New York to Painesville around 1811 settling in a log cabin on what is now the Lake County Fairgrounds. Painesville settlers feared attacks by Native Americans stirred up for war by the British in 1812. Militias were formed and meetings were held to plan a way of protection, but no attack ever occurred. Abigail wrote to Jonathan "I live for the most part alone and lonesome." Jonathan finally returned from the war and eventually became a famous architect being dubbed "Pioneer Master Builder of the Western Reserve." Several of his Greek Revival structures still stand, one being the Dr. John Mathews' house on the campus of Lake Erie College.

Abigail lived to be 100 years old and is buried in the little Painesville Township cemetery on Mentor Avenue near Pat Catans.

These are just a few of the stories that are portrayed in this exhibit at Lake Erie College. Please visit the exhibit and attend the production of "Quilters" to learn even more about these unique women and many others. Items from the lives of these women, from the LCHS collection, will also be on display including: peaseware "sewing helpers," a spinning wheel from the family of Temperance Morse (Kirtland), Harriet Beard's portrait by son James Beard and more. Contact Lynn Vandevort (curator/LCHS) with questions or donations at 440-639-2945.

2018 Speaker's Bureau Dates:

LCHS has an active Speakers Bureau directed by education program director, Tonya Basic. Be sure to contact the hosting organization to see if the public is invited or if there is a cost. Contact Tonya or visit www.lakehistory.org for a complete list of LCHS presentations.

Feb.7 @ 10:30am	"Freedom 's Journey- The Underground Railroad in Lake Co."	Willoughby Senior Center
Feb.21 @ 6:00pm	"Erie and Odd Legends of Lake County"	Wildwood Cultural Center-Mentor
March 13 @ 7:00pm	"Remarkable Ladies of Lake County"	Faith Luthern Church—Mentor
March 21 @6:00pm	"19th Century Medicine"	Wildwood Cultural Center-Mentor
March 23 @ 7:00pm	to be announced (Dinner prior to presentation)	Wickliffe Presbyterian Church
April 18 @1:30pm	"Nurseries in Lake County" (55+ group)	Concord Community Center
April 18 @ 6:00pm	"Women Spies"	Wildwood Cultural Center
April 25 @ 7:00pm	:"Lake County Summers Gone By"	Willowick Public Library

Interested in becoming one of our presenters? Contact Tonya Basic for details at 440-639-2945.

CLIP & SAVE

Welcome New Members !

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Due to technical difficulties, we are unable to welcome personally all our new members. We had nearly 80 new and renewing members sign-up at year's end and we welcome them all and will recognize them in the next newsletter.

LCHS Salutes the Volunteers of the Month

<u>Sept-</u>	JILLIAN INGRAM
<u>Oct-</u>	JUDY MUNY
<u>Nov-</u>	SANDY NELSON
<u>Dec.-</u>	NANCY WEITZEL

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO WORK
ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL.**

Mark Your Calendar--

Volunteer Quarterly Meetings 2018

Jan.13	10am	Heritage Hall
April 14	10am	Heritage Hall
July 14	10am	Heritage Hall
Oct. 13	10am	Heritage Hall

Volunteer Update



Joe Greaves

Looking at what the volunteers will be working with in 2018 involves a number of community events we cannot host without volunteer staff. We are also looking into being able to print our own volunteer shirts at the Center, putting the brick pavers from the Captains stadium under our newly restored benches, and to continue to build our volunteer team. I also want to thank the crews that both decorated and hosted the very successful 2017 Home for the Holidays. Volunteers led by Marian Redmond and Sandy Nelson spent countless hours decorating the Center and Judy Muny (food services) and Vince and Pat Wilson (Santa's Sweet Shop) made those areas of the event a complete success. Nancy Weitzel filled the volunteer slots and Marian's crew filled the Mistletoe Market with great gifts donated by LCHS members and friends. Hundreds of guests filled the museum, making 2017 one of the best years ever. Thank You to all who gave their time so generously and Happy New Year.

Joe Greaves, Volunteer President

HELP WANTED

2 Phone callers are needed to contact volunteers regarding upcoming events and important information. Each caller has about 25 names to call. If you don't mind making phone calls on occasion ,please contact Kathy Lupold (440)951-5157

March is Woman's History Month- 2018

LCCHS sponsors the largest celebration in Lake Co. –March 20- Book Today!



FAME & INFAMY– The Women of Ohio

Do not miss the 2018 Woman's History month presentation., *"Fame & Infamy."*

"Don't mistake politeness for lack of strength," Sonya Sotomayor , US Supreme Court, quote sets the stage for 2018. It looks like its shaping up to be the year of the woman, but women of the past have also created their truths and LCCHS will tell their stories during this annual luncheon. Once again, Grace Richards and her talented group of presenters will detail the lives, follies and consequences of a group of Ohio women bringing their stories out of the past and presented to today's women. They range from a doctor to a murderess and each has their own circumstances. Learn about the flamboyant Laura Mae Corrigan who rose from a woman of questionable character to a national hero and the ever popular red-headed TV news legend, Dorothy Fuldheim. These presentations have been very popular each year Grace has written them from women's suffrage to popular radio programs from

the 1920s and 1930s. All involving Ohio women.

This event is staged at the Pine Ridge County Club in their beautiful dining room. Pine Ridge is located at 60605 Ridge Road in Wickliffe. Doors open at 10am for those wishing to view the many auction items available. The program starts at 11am, with lunch served at 12:00n. Lunch will feature roasted pork loin with demi-glaze, roasted potatoes and vegetables. Mixed green salads start the meal with raspberry sherbet for dessert. The cost of the meal is \$32 for members and \$35 for non. Reservations can be made immediately by calling the Lake County History Center 440-639-2945 or visiting the ticket internet site Eventbrite.com . Be sure to advise LCCHS if you want to be seated with a particular person or group.

100% refunds will be given for cancellations 30 days or more prior and 50% refund at 15 days prior.

2018 Schedule of events

COMMUNITY EVENTS SPONSORED BY LCCHS

Feb. 10th	No Name Ball
May 26 & 27	Civil War Reenactment
June 17	Father's Day Pancake Breakfast
Sept.23	Clambake
Oct.25	Beggars Night
Nov.28-Dec.1	Home for the Holidays
Third Saturday	Monthly onsite Activities

2018 THIRD PARTY EVENTS

June 30	Amateur Radio Assn. Field Day
August 25	Painesville Township Family Fun Day

2018 EDUCATION PROGRAMS

March 20	Women's History Month Luncheon
April 13	Paranormal Tours
May 9-11	Civil War Experience for Schools
May 12	Mother's Day Tea
TBA	Monthly Mansion Tours
Spring / Fall	3 Dine Arouns each season (TBA)
Summer /	Ladies Who Lunch– 3rd Thursday (June-Aug)
Oct. 13	Paranormal Tours
Oct. 26	Paranormal Tours
Nov.3	Para X Evening

NEWS!

TAKE THE EXHIBIT IDEA

SURVEY ON LCCHS

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LCCHS thanks Sievers Security for their generous donation of a state of the art security system for the museum. Check out their services in 2018.





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SAVE THE DATE
 QUAIL HOLLOW RESORT
 FEBRUARY 10, 2018 6PM-11PM

THE NO-NAME BALL

With dance music by the Dan Zola Orchestra
 Dinner, Dancing, Reverse Raffle, Side Boards, Wine Pull, Silent Auction
 Cash Bar

To benefit the Lake County History Center
 Presented by The Lake County Historical Society

