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History Begins With You!

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LADIES WHO LUNCH SERIES BRINGS SUMMER FUN

Friends, Food, and Fascinating Facts

Lake County has the most beautiful gardens and landscaping anywhere, in no small part due to its history of being the epicenter of nurseries through the years. Our first *Ladies Who Lunch* guests learned how the county contributes the beauty of nature to the entire nation in our 'Nurseries in Lake County' talk.

In July, learn how your Lake County ancestors lived from an entertaining talk about 'Those Quirky Victorians.' If you think wild things occur today, you'll learn that no matter what century you live in, there is much to ponder and laugh about. Dress in your best Victorian garb, or just come as you are on Thursday, July 19th at noon.

Who doesn't love a chance to learn about taverns in Lake County? A rich, diverse history of the role taverns have played throughout Lake County's history is not to be missed.



Join the fun, have a bite to eat and begin planning how you will make history during this century in a Lake County Tavern. Bring your friends on Thursday, August 16th at noon.

LCCHS promises a great afternoon of networking and learning some history too, so make your way to 415 Riverside Drive for a great mid-day treat. Cost for individual events is \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members.

Lake County's Treasures are now being guarded by Sievers Security. Thank You!



Thanks to the Sidley Family for all their support!



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BOARD & ADMINISTRATION

BOARD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Everyone has a story. One of the greatest gifts my parents gave my brother and me was our family history, documenting where our ancestors came from and their many and varied life stories.

Learning about your family history is important and passing it on to your children and grandchildren keeps it alive. Your legacy matters.

The LCHS is a great resource for discovering your family history. The Center holds approximately 3,000 surname files or boxes in its Genealogy Room. Call the History Center to make an appointment with Lynn Vandevort, Director of Museum and Library Collections at (440)639-2945 or email her at lvandevort@lakehistory.org) Keep your heritage alive for future generations!

Judith Hempel, Board President
Lake County Historical Society

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Beautiful summer days make me think about all we have to be thankful for here at LCHS.

I am thankful for Co-chairs Karen Sawitke and Dave Lamiell for the cultural enrichment they brought to the community with the Civil War weekend. I am thankful to Joe Greaves for the delicious pancake breakfast for Dads that he led with a great deal of help from Karen Stacey. Most of all I am thankful for a great board, a talented staff, and the most extraordinary volunteers ever.

Enjoy this issue of the newsletter. It will make you realize how many ways you can visit, become involved in, or learn about Lake County. Please consider bringing your friends to 415 Riverside Drive this summer so that they will become our friends as well... another thing to be thankful for!

Lea Filson, Executive Director



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Arlene Holden

Arlene Holden has been a longtime supporter of the Lake County Historical Society. The Arthur and Arlene Holden Fund has contributed towards many improvements at the Center, including

the elevator and general operational needs. Foundations and Family Trusts like hers allows the Center to use funds to sustain the operation. Thank you!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Jack Vendi

It is a huge job to keep the grounds and landscaping as beautiful as we are used to seeing, and we have Jack Vendi to thank for that. For over a decade, Jack has been coming regularly to mow and do what is needed to keep our grounds healthy and welcoming. Jack, you have our admiration and gratitude for the hours and hours of time you give and for your enormous talent!

OUR WISH LIST

Your continued generosity helps the Center run smoothly! We are looking for a few angels to help with immediate needs.

- \$75 for penny candy to put in our Pioneer Village general store.
- \$150 for an outside electric leaf blower vacuum
- \$200 for mulch to keep our landscaping on point.
- \$800 for a Microsoft laptop for the office to help our busy bees.



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- Target

Come be fancy-free and take a selfie by our upside-down tree!



Updated for every occasion, it's a perfect spot to show off your best poses and share how fun history can be.



LCHS and the James A. Garfield National Historic Site Collaborate on a Wedding Exhibit

Last summer, LCHS collaborated with the James A. Garfield National Historic Site for an exhibit titled 'Lucretia's Dresses.' This summer, we will be collaborating again on an exhibit celebrating the 130th anniversary of a double wedding that took place in the Garfield home on June 14, 1888.

The new temporary exhibit will be called *Here Come the Brides: 150 Years of Garfield Family Weddings*, on display from June 16th through August 30th.

One hundred and thirty years ago Harry A. Garfield, eldest son of President and Mrs. James A. Garfield, married Belle Mason; and Mollie Garfield, the Garfield's only surviving daughter, married Joseph Stanley-Brown in the Garfield home's Memorial Library.

LCHS has loaned the original wedding certificate and guest album from the wedding of James R. Garfield to Helen Newell. The hand painted guest album was created on vellum and painted with gouache and gold leaf paint in the traditional style of an illuminated manuscript. It has the signatures of Lucretia Garfield, the president's widow, as well as many friends of the family. LCHS has also loaned a hand-painted Tiffany fan given to Eleanor Borton Garfield as a wedding gift from her mother-in-law, Helen Newell Garfield. Eleanor married Rudolph Garfield and was the last resident of the home on



Mentor Avenue that is now a national park. Eleanor became Mentor's first female mayor in the 1950's.

In addition to these items on loan, a number of digital images from photos in the LCHS collection have been used in the exhibit signage.

Another collaborative exhibit to be installed at the end of this summer will be with the Willoughby/Eastlake Library to commemorate the restoration of a historic wall belonging to the original Carnegie building that is part of the Willoughby Branch. LCHS will be installing an exhibit on the top-secret WWI Hercules Chemical Plant in Willoughby that produced Lewisite gas—a chemical weapon that was thankfully, never used. This exhibit will be the first of a series that will be installed there over time.

LCHS is pleased to make the collection available and accessible to the public through these collaborations. Other collaborations have been with the Cleveland Public Library for the exhibit of *Shakespeare's First Folio* and with Lake Erie College and Rabbit Run Theater for an exhibition on pioneer quilting and weaving.

The two new exhibits installed at the History Center include *The Marvelously Mod Mid-Century*, which features women's clothing of the 1960's and the 1970's.

The second exhibit features a beautiful Takashimaya kimono dated to 1910. Along with being an exquisite piece of clothing to look at, it is a lesson in museum research and conservation.

COLLECTIONS



On Prom night, Riverside students who used our beautiful grounds for photos, decided to compare their fashion to the past.

THE MARVELOUSLY MOD MID-CENTURY

Our current exhibition has brought many stories and memories from museum patrons of the clothes women wore during the mid-century in Lake County. The display in the reception area turned into a selfie station of sorts when a group of young ladies decided they found the perfect photo op!

Lynn Vandevort, Director of Museum and Library Collections enjoys creating LCHS exhibitions. Here is what she had to say about this one.

How do you decide what to display from all our holdings?

We had just inventoried the women's clothing, and I saw the 60's and 70's clothing for the first time. We had never used them in an exhibit before. I researched the topic to determine how to represent it accurately, and the ideas for the exhibit came into my mind. Finally, I found pieces that made the ideas work.

How is this particular time in Lake County history important?

This period in Lake County was a transition from the industrial boom of the 50's to harder economic times. The mall was built in Mentor changing the way people shopped. Small stores closed down. Big box stores became popular.

What should we look for in the exhibit?

The matching hats, purses, and shoes in bright colors define the era of clothing. Would you wear patent-leather lime green shoes today?

PIONEER SCHOOL

It's here! It's here!



It's back! Our popular program, Pioneer School, starts again this fall as students visit our replica village, learning about life in the early Western Reserve. This fall we are expecting over 25 schools with over 1,600 students attending!

Want to join the fun but you are not a student or a teacher? Come volunteer! Dress up and play pretend while teaching.

Contact Tonya Busic at (440) 639-2945 for more information.

But hey, did you know? It's not just limited to school groups! Have a history themed birthday party with us & make some memories!

KID'S NIGHT OUT

Parents, rejoice! This diverting new scheme will entertain your kiddies while you go out on a date. Drop your children (ages 4-10) off at LCHS on Sept. 14, 2018, 6-9 pm where they'll learn about Lake County through activities and fun. Don't worry, we'll feed them too!



SPOTLIGHT ON: GREAT WESTERN RESERVE CLAMBAKE, SEPT. 30TH, 2018

Clamp your chompers on some delicious clams and grilled chicken at this signature LCHS event. Headed once again by Clam Master Joe Greaves and his trusty team of volunteers, a wide range of fantastic food and family fun await you! Be quick to grab a seat at our table and *RESERVE TODAY*.



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EVENTS & VOLUNTEERS

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
19TH — LADIES WHO LUNCH	16TH — LADIES WHO LUNCH	5TH — DINE AROUND	3RD — DINE AROUND	2ND — PARA X	1ST — HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS ENDS
	23RD — SPEAKER'S BUREAU	14TH — KID'S NIGHT OUT	6TH — GRAVEYARD & MYTH TOUR	7TH — DINE AROUND	14TH — SPEAKER'S BUREAU
	25TH — PAINESVILLE TWSP. FAMILY FUN DAY	15TH — LANTERN TOUR	13TH — LANTERN TOUR & GRAVEYARD AND MYTH TOUR	28TH—HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS BEGINS	14TH — KID'S NIGHT OUT
		27TH — SPEAKER'S BUREAU	20TH — LANTERN TOUR		
		30TH — CLAMBAKE	25 & 26TH — BEGGAR'S NIGHT		

EVENTS CALENDAR

Call us or visit www.lakehistory.org for more info

SUCCESSFULLY CONNECTED

On June 23rd and 24th, our friends at the Lake County Amateur Radio Association (LCARA) took part in an international event. Five stations occupied the grounds of LCHS for a friendly contest of skill. This entertaining practice drill awards operators with points for reaching people around the world through different contact methods, all while having them establish their own connections with independent sources of power and antennas. LCARA jumps into action if there is a communications emergency in Lake County. One of the main goals is to communicate through as many different sections as possible and the number of sections in a state or province depends on population. That's a lot of ground to cover but N8BC (the call sign for our LCARA) has consistently been in the top 8% in the nation for these contests. They work closely with the Boy Scouts of America and want to teach you! Look out for future events on our calendar.



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An advertisement for Sugar Pines Farm. The background is a light-colored wood grain with white snowflake graphics. At the top left, the text "Sugar Pines" is written in a green, cursive font, with a red maple leaf containing a green pine tree below it. Underneath the leaf, the word "FARM" is written in a simple, spaced-out font. A red banner on the right side contains the text "OPEN DAILY!" in white, bold letters, followed by "STARTING THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING" and a list of activities: "Huge selection of trees, haywagon rides, fresh wreaths & pine roping, bonfire, s'mores & hot chocolate!". Below this, the text "Cut Your Own & Fresh-Cut Christmas Trees" and "Live Balled Trees" is written in a green, cursive font. A photograph in the bottom left shows a family of four (two adults and two children) standing in a field of evergreen trees. At the bottom, a dark green banner contains the address "9500 Mulberry Road, Chesterland (2.2 miles east of 306)", the website "www.sugarpinesfarm.com", and the phone number "440-729-1019".