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NEWS YOU CAN USE

As we move into a busy fall season, save the date of November 8th, to attend the LCHS Membership Meeting. We will be honoring our volunteers that night but if you are a volunteer and cannot make it, stop in during the afternoon and pick up a small token of our appreciation. (Snow date in case of cancellation is Nov. 15.)

February 23, 2019 is the date for the Lake Effect Ball. Mark it down now.

The Lake County Historical Society sends a special shout-out to the following:

- *Joe Greaves and Dick Purmal* who helped rewire the phone system for all LCHS offices.
- *Marian Redmond, Sandy Nelson, Evelyn Gibbs, Lois Harrington, Jeanne Benson, & Linda Nagy* who do house design, shop set-up, holiday displays, mulching, gardening, & the list goes on!
- *The Vendi duo, Annette and Jack*, who focus on buildings & grounds upkeep and fundraising, respectively.
- *Nancy Weitzel* who runs Membership and



Nancy Weitzel volunteering at our No Name Ball, February 2018.

brightens our days with flowers and smiles.

- *LCHS President Judy Hempel* who helps anytime, wherever she's needed.
- *Tom Driscoll* who keeps the museum & Pioneer Village buildings up and running.
- *Kathy Lupold* who's filling in until our Volunteer Manager from Vantage Aging begins.
- *Sue Louis* who is our volunteer ambassador and information specialist.

MESSAGES & CALENDAR

BOARD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the month of August, the Painesville Township trustees held their annual Family Fun Day here at the History Center. It was especially exciting to see so many children enjoying our 20th century mechanical music boxes! Did you know our Magical Musical Machine exhibit is the only one like it in Ohio?

The Lake County Historical Society's Tonya Busic provided bus tours where residents learned about the background of several historic places in Painesville Township. Visitors were also treated to a tour of our museum. Come see our beautiful museum and grounds as the leaves begin turning for fall.

Judith Hempel, *Board President*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We are enjoying another successful Pioneer School season as we welcome cooler weather.

Our well attended "Ladies Who Lunch" series wraps up in October and we will continue our "Dine Around" series in October and November.

Also in October, as the leaves display autumn colors, we will bring children into our haunted museum for Beggar's Night.

December will bring 'Home for the Holidays' and our Christmas tea to the center to help us ready ourselves for the merriment of the holiday season.

Dates and times are in this newsletter so plan now so you won't miss any of the fun!

Lea Filson, *Executive Director*

Call us at (440) 639-2945 or visit www.lakehistory.org for more info.

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
3RD — DINE AROUND w/ Author Claire McMillan @ Grace Woods Reserve	2ND — PARA X Ghost Hunting @ Lake County History Center	1ST & 2ND — HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS Public Event @ Lake County History Center
13TH — MYTHS, LEGENDS & GRAVEYARD TOUR @ Perry Township Cemetery	7TH — DINE AROUND w/ Exec. Dir. Lea Filson about Mayflower Pilgrims @ Pine Ridge Country Club	3RD — HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS Walk In Hours begin @ Lake County History Center
13TH — LANTERN TOUR @ Lake County History Center	22ND — MUSEUM CLOSED (Thanksgiving)	8TH — CHRISTMAS TEA on immigrant traditions @ Lake County History Center
18TH — LADIES WHO LUNCH Eerie & Odd Legends @ Lake County History Center	28TH — HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS Group Day @ Lake County History Center	24TH — MUSEUM CLOSED (Christmas Eve)
20TH — LANTERN TOUR @ Lake County History Center	29TH — HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS Group Day @ Lake County History Center	25TH — MUSEUM CLOSED (Christmas)
26TH — BEGGAR'S NIGHT Trick or Treating @ Lake County History Center	30TH — HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS Public Event Begins @ Lake County History Center	31ST — MUSEUM CLOSED (New Year's Eve)



TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN'

Here at Lake County Historical Society, we are advertising for a Director of

Research and Museum Collections, but don't worry, Lynn isn't going anywhere. Lynn Vandevort will remain as a volunteer doing the things she loves to do. She is now going to split her time between the History Center and the Geauga Library system while finishing her Masters degree Information and Library Science. She is following her career path but will continue working on our exhibits, with our volunteers, and for our research patrons.

Speaking of jobs, as we grow and restructure to work toward the success of our History Center, we are looking for an Education Director. If you know of any retired teachers who are looking to continue our tradition of Pioneer School, ask them to contact Tonya Busic at tbusic@lakehistory.org.



HERITAGE PLAQUE FOR ALBRECHT CABIN

The Albrecht cabin, located on Lakeshore Blvd in Eastlake has had its application approved for one of our historical plaques! Want one these for your own historic home? Call (440) 639-2945 or visit www.lakehistory.org.

OUR LCHS WISH LIST

Your continued generosity helps the Center run smoothly! We are looking for a few generous helpers to fill our immediate needs.

- \$100 to replenish kitchen supplies of staples like large quantity lemonade, tea, etc.
- \$300 for Halloween candy for Beggars Night
- \$400 for Teen Challenge workers as we clean up and reorganize
- \$500 toward winter repair of our mowers

May 19, 1919— THE END & THE BEGINNING

- by Lynn Vandevort

Hindsight is 20/20 and, looking back at the women's Suffrage Movement, we tend to think, "Well, of course, women should have the right to vote," but living in the time of the movement, the struggle to enlighten the world, our nation, and our state was a very real struggle.

May 19, 1919, is the date that the United States Congress passed the resolution to amend the constitution to give women the right to vote. It would become the 19th Amendment. It was a momentous occasion, and the Lake County Historical Society will celebrate that 100 year anniversary by installing an exhibit on women's suffrage in the north wing. The exhibit includes the stories of seven remarkable women of the county like **Frances Casement**, a socialite and Suffragist who used her social status to promote the cause; **Cora Gaines Carrel**, the first female councilwoman in the state—a grandmother who heeded the call to serve on the council of Willoughby right after the amendment was ratified; **Addie Nye Norton**, the first female probate judge in the state—a well-accomplished woman of the court that everyone recognized for her qualities to be a judge; as well as the stories of four other women.

The exhibit also includes a display of clothing worn by Frances Casement, her personal journal, and the trophy signifying her induction into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame.

The Suffrage Movement took place in a time before mass media. The printed word and speeches at conferences and meetings fanned the flames of the movement. Women spent countless hours writing, traveling and addressing crowds in the hope of finally getting the vote. Frances Casement was well-recognized for her ability to speak eloquently on the subject. She writes about her involvement in the movement in the following excerpt taken from a speech she gave "to the college," perhaps Lake Erie College. These speech notes are part of the LCHS archival collection of the Casement family:

"I have been connected with Woman Suffrage work for thirty-five or thirty-six years. I do not remember any sudden or interesting conversion to the Cause. It was probably in the atmosphere of my

home. My parents were thoughtful people, and I know that in the family, thoughts and ideas were often expressed that made an impression upon my mind even as a child.



After I became a woman, I should have thought more seriously of it, but I had no wish for Suffrage for myself. I was protected by fond parents, and a good husband. I was in a home; all was well with me, what more could I wish?

I was drawn into the work by a band of Painesville women, who did think, who felt, and knew, that the only way to accomplish what they desired for women, for children, and for humanity was to work for the ballot. We organized a society known for years as the Equal Rights Association of Painesville. Meetings were held regularly every two weeks. We tried to inform ourselves about the laws of Ohio, concerning women and children. We did the only thing then open to us—we petitioned—for the change of certain laws. Yards of petitions from Ohio women went to the Legislature but received little notice although after a while there came a change in some important laws.

And once we did get a bill introduced, asking that the Constitution be so amended as to give to the women of Ohio the ballot, if our Legislators gave a few hours to the discussion of Woman Suffrage, they considered it a huge joke, and enjoyed the recreation....."

— *Frances Jennings Casement*

DEVELOPMENT

ANNUAL APPEAL

Watch for your 2019 annual appeal in the mail soon. Our needs are many with buildings and acres to maintain, collections to protect, staff to keep things running, and the list goes on.

When you visit, look at our donor board for the prior year. If you give \$500 or more, you will see your name there. Look for 2018 donors to go up in January 2019. If your company gives \$500 or more, it will be listed as well.

Your continued generosity makes all the difference in the world. Thank you...sharing is caring!

The LCHS Upside Down Tree has been redecorated for the new season. Snap a photo to prove ghosts really DO haunt the building!



Visit www.lakehistory.org to hear our interview with Commissioner Dan Troy during the statewide 'Ohio Open Doors' event. Thank you, Dan, for your continued support of Lake County Historical Society!

IN-KIND SUPPORT KEEPS NONPROFITS GOING.

Recent sponsors include:

Bremic's Landscaping (*donated mulch*)

MRLM Landscape Materials (*donated mulch*)

Lowe's (*donated landscaping material*)

Judy Muny (*donated weed killer*)

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Richard Frey

It's impossible to name all the things Dick Frey has done for LCHS. No matter what the need, if he hears about it, the item or

money to pay for it appears. Our newsletter wish list from last quarter was entirely filled by Dick. We later needed an edger and he immediately sent a check. We have also consulted Dick continuously for business advice due to his extensive background in that area. Dick, there are just no words...



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Keith Fauver

Even before Keith rejoined the LCHS Board, he was conducting meetings to help raise the awareness of the center to

major donors. Since joining the board a second time, he has concentrated on fundraising, member retention, and a new exhibit called 'Captains of Industry'. He is a roll-up-your-sleeves kind of board member and that's what it takes to build a fiscally successful operation. Welcome back, Keith!

SPOOKY TIME!

TASTY TREATS AT BEGGAR'S NIGHT

Want the best trick-or-treat candy in Lake County? Register for *Beggar's Night*, a chance to get treats and scary stories all in one place! Come to LCHS on **Friday, Oct. 26 at 5:30pm** and join a group of fellow candy-enthusiasts as you knock on all the doors in our front, north, and south wings.

Each room and each door, will be manned by our fantastic volunteers, dressed up in spooky costumes.

A large bonfire will roar in our front yard, the perfect place to stop (before or after) and hear a chilling tale or two. Join the fun!

An old Halloween tradition had young women sneaking through graveyards at night to steal a cabbage and place it over the door; the first young man to be bopped on the head by this offending vegetable was supposedly her intended. — *Old Halloween Legend*



OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA — In the past, LCHS has not only delighted the county with the most spectacular Christmas display of over 45 trees, we have also hosted a unique holiday tea the following week. This year, the focus of our entertaining talk will be on the many immigrants who have, and do, call Lake County home and what particular holiday traditions they bring with them. **Reserve your spot for Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018 at noon!** 3yrs & under-free; 4yrs to 11yrs-\$12.50; 12yrs & up plus members-\$18; Non-Members-\$20.

Hey kiddos! Had a good time at Pioneer school or one of our other funtastic programs? Tell us about it! Draw a picture of your visit with a description, and it could be featured on our Twitter account! Just send it to:

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VOLUNTEER MEETINGS CALENDAR

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
3RD — Exec. Comm. meeting @ 3pm	6TH — Home for the Holidays meeting @ 6pm	4TH — Christmas tea meeting @ 6pm
9TH — B&G meeting @ 1pm	7TH — Exec. Comm. meeting @ 3pm	5TH — Exec. Comm. meeting @ 3pm
10TH — Monthly Luncheon @ Noon	8TH — Membership meeting @ 6:30pm	12TH — Monthly luncheon @ noon
15TH — Quarterly meeting @ 6:30pm	13TH — B&G meeting @ 1pm	24TH & 25TH — Center Closed
17TH — Beggar’s Night meeting @ 6pm	14TH — Monthly luncheon @ Noon	31st & JAN 1—Center Closed

VOLUNTEERS, DOWNLOAD YOUR NEW SCHEDULING APP

If you are a Lake County Historical Society volunteer, download the app, SignUpGenius.com. By checking this, you can see the many needs LCHS has and pick and choose when and where you can help out. Need to change something? Edit your schedule! It's quick to join & more convenient.

While you are at it, tell all your friends that if they want to attend an LCHS event, they can always find it at Eventbrite.com at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/lake-county-historical-society-7949019341>. The site tells you about the event and allows you to pay for it all at once!

HEADS UP!

The result of our office clean out (where we ripped apart the upstairs to organize and clean) has left us with a bit of excess!

Volunteers, you want some free stuff? Come check out the table in the North Wing on the second floor.

Grab it before Oct. 6 or it gets tossed. Go now!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!

Volunteers are the cornerstone of Lake County History Center and we want more!

Got an interest in history? Baking? Organizing? Acting? Never fear! We've got a role for you here at the Center. Check out our current volunteer needs at SignUpGenius.com or call 440-639-2934 and we'll happily add you to our family!





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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 silhouette 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 large white 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 row of green pine tree silhouettes is visible. The contact information "9500 Mulberry Road, Chesterland (2.2 miles east of 306) www.sugarpinesfarm.com 440-729-1019" is printed in white and yellow at the very bottom.