Dan O. Carter for more than fifteen years was the Superintendent of the Lake County Infirmary in Painesville, Ohio. He was one of the first settlers of the Western Reserve.

The Carter family settled in Medina, Ohio in 1816, then had moved to Cuyahoga County and then to Lake County in 1835. Dan Carter attended an old fashioned pioneer school maintained under the subscription system and for a brief time he was a student at the Old Academy of Kirtland.

Mr. Carter located to Lake County and married Linda Cox and they had two children. He started out at 25 years of age with his attention focused on agricultural pursuits. His first farm was a 100 acre farm in Leroy Township. After the sale of his first farm he purchased a seventy-five acre farm in Painesville Township. In the fall of 1877, Mr. Carter was placed in charge of the County Infirmary. His administration of affairs and the State Inspector had made reports saying that the management of the institution was second to none in the State. The property comprised of 236 acres and was well cultivated each year. It nearly made enough money to pay the expense of the Infirmary.

Under Mr. Carter’s supervision there were twenty six residents but the average number over the fifteen years was forty persons.

Mr. Carter witnessed nearly all stages of the development of the Northeastern section of the State of Ohio. He saw this area transform from wilderness to cultivated fields. Curly smoke from farmhouses dotted the landscape.

The length of his life span between the sickle and the self-binder and the changes that had been made to mechanical lines were undoubtedly accountable for advanced civilization. This led to great prosperity of that time.

Mr. Carter was a man of great and strong constitution.

Excerpt from: Biographical History of Northeastern Ohio, 1893
Dear Friends of History,

Exciting things are happening here at Lake County History Center. Ten years ago we had a dream and a plan to add restrooms and a new kitchen to our event barn in Pioneer Village. Well, the plan and dream is coming to fruition. Hopefully as you read this message, ground has been broken and construction will begin soon.

We hope to climatize the barn so we can provide a year-round venue for adult and children’s programming. This will also be a great source of revenue for the Center as we continue to receive rental requests for various events and parties.

We are establishing new connections in the community with other organizations, businesses and corporations. They believe in our mission to preserve, educate and learn about Lake County, Ohio history.

We need history. We learn from our past and our past helps us shape our future. Come join us at the Lake County History Center as we uncover the lessons of our past and how we can learn from them.

Judith Hempel, Board President

Happy Summer!

At least I hope summer arrives soon. As always, we have such terrific volunteers that are the heart of the Center. We just can’t thank them enough!

We couldn’t be more lucky to have a core of volunteers, some of whom come daily and put their heart into each task.

This spring we started off with a great kick-start from our friends of the Kent State Alumni volunteer group who powerwashed buildings, cleaned the rental hall and Pioneer Village, and prepped the grounds for our next great team of volunteers.

We were thrilled when Lubrizol selected us this year as their Building Bonds community candidate. I can’t say thank you enough to Lubrizol and to Mary Jane Sanders that coordinated her teams’ efforts. Lubrizol replaced stairs, replaced the roof on the schoolhouse, repaired windows in the general store. Nearly every out building was painted. Electrical mechanics that haven’t worked in years are working again! We even have a new barn door! I can’t express enough of our thanks to Lubrizol!

As Judy said, “exciting and great things are happening here!” We welcome you to come visit and if you’d like, volunteer and stay a while!

Amy Kapostasy, Managing Director

Lake County History Center Welcomes New Board Member Chris Palmer

Chris is recently retired and a life-long resident of Lake County. His vocational background includes personal and family financial advisor and a number of financial management positions for firms in Lake and Cuyahoga counties. He has a Master’s degree in Economics from Bowling Green State University. He and his wife Barbara are the proud parents of two Ohio State Buckeyes and currently reside in Concord.

Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome Chris!!!
UPCOMING LCHS PROGRAMS & Events

**JULY**
- Monday, 8th at 6 pm Quarterly Volunteer Meeting at LCHS
- Thursday, 11th at 8pm Haunted Lantern Tour
- Thursday, 18th at NOON Ladies Who Lunch
- Thursday, 25th at 6:30pm Behind the Scenes at LCHS

**AUGUST**
- Thursday, 8th at 8 pm Haunted Lantern Tour
- Thursday, 15th at Noon Ladies Who Lunch
- Thursday, 22nd at 6:30 pm Behind the Scenes at LCHS
- Sat, Aug 24th Painesville Township Days

**September**
- Wednesday, 11th at 6 pm Dine Around
- Thursday, 12th at 8 pm Haunted Lantern Tour
- Thursday, 19th at Noon Ladies Who Lunch
- Thursday, 26th at 6:30 pm Behind the Scenes at LCHS
- Sunday, 29 at 1 pm Great Western Reserve Clambake

**OCTOBER**
- Tuesday, 1st at 8 pm Teen Lantern Tour
- Saturday, 5th at 3 pm Myths, Legends and Graveyard Tour
- Monday, 7th at 8 pm Teen Lantern Tour

**COMMUNITY**

Old South United Church of Christ in Kirtland will be celebrating its 200th birthday in 2019. The church was formally “gathered” September 5th, 1819, becoming the first church in the village of Kirtland. This meeting took place at Levi Smith’s farm on Hart Road near the intersection of Baldwin Road. A marker is placed there identifying the location. Ten or twelve New Englanders met with two minister/missionaries looking forward to the day when they would have a “real” church to worship in. A log cabin was built around 1822 on the site of the present church. When it burned down, a larger church was built across the street on Chillicothe Road. The cabin was turned a quarter on its foundation when a tornado (cyclone) blew through town about 1842. The present church was built in 1860, a welcoming New England style edifice, lovingly cared for ever since. In 1959, a two-story educational building was added. Hall House, originally the pastor’s home, now holds church offices and a large Food Pantry run by dedicated church volunteers.

The official church birthday celebration will be held the weekend of September 8th and 9th with a catered dinner, church tours, and the welcoming of local dignitaries and former ministers, choir directors and organists. On Saturday there will be a reenactment of the first “gathering.” It will be in the Dell, the amphitheater behind the church in an idyllic setting with built-in wood benches and a stone altar in the woods, overlooking a ravine and stream. On Sunday there will be a celebratory worship service in the church. The sanctuary has a 4-rank pipe organ, a fine instrument to enhance any of the many church services. The church is Open and Affirming, with the Pastor Ian Lynch. Incidentally, Percy K. Smith, an original founder of Lake County Historical Society was a great grandson of Levi Smith, one of the original founders of Old South Church.

Margaret J. Hommel
Historian

For more information to make reservations please call: 440-942-2207
Kent State University

Thank you to the Kent State University Alumni team that came to do some spring cleaning! We appreciate this team! Kent State University has done a “Day of Caring” for 11 years. Alumni from Kent participate all over the world and we were lucky enough to have this group choose LCHS.


“I believe that every human mind feels pleasure in doing good to another.” Thomas Jefferson

LUBRIZOL BUILDING BONDS

The Lake County Historical Center thanks Lubrizol Corporation for their dedication to Lake County. Lubrizol had a team of volunteers come to the History Center on June 6th. It was a busy day! The team took on tasks and jobs we only dreamed of getting done.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S AIR & SPACE MUSEUM’S NEW EXHIBIT

Major Sheila Thompson

The International Women’s Air & Space Museum (IWASM) has a new exhibit on display about Major Sheila Thompson, a retired Air Force navigator. She joined the Air Force in 1987, becoming the first female navigator in Youngstown, Ohio. She earned her Air Force C-130 Navigator rating in June 1996.

In 1991, Thompson received her Private Pilot License for a Cessna 152 in Columbus, Ohio. She spent 1993-1995 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as the Air Force Command Post Controller 445th Airlift Wing. In 1998, her primary mission was in Antarctica doing off-season regular Air Force missions along with airdrop qualification.

She retired from the Air Force as a Major having received the Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award, and Antarctica Service Medal.

Currently on display in the museum are her flight suit, helmet, major garrison cap, navigational flight pouch with a red filter flashlight, compass and computer, “Weather for Aircrews” Air Force Handbook, and personal photographs.

The museum offers free admission. Exhibit hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week. Office, gift shop, and research center hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The International Women’s Air & Space Museum is located in the terminal of Burke Lakefront Airport.
Volunteers are the cornerstone of the History Center. As our programs and offerings expand, so do our volunteer needs and opportunities.

Unsure of how you might help? No worries! If you are a behind the scenes type of person or one who likes to be involved with the public, we will be glad to find the perfect niche for you by utilizing YOUR unique interests, talents and a schedule to afford you a fun and comfortable volunteer experience.

Some of our many volunteer opportunities include assisting with our numerous and varied events, be a docent (tour guide) at the History Center, working with children in our school programs, assisting in the museum or library, assisting the office staff, and helping with site maintenance.

We’d love for you to join our family and fun; consider a gift of your time and talents. Check out our current volunteer needs at signupgenius.com (search for: tbusic@lakehistory.org) or call 440-639-2945.

**Volunteer Upcoming Opportunities**
- **Painesville Township Movie Night** Sat, Jul 13, 9pm
- **Volunteer Quarterly Meeting** Mon, July 8, 6pm
- **Painesville Township Family Fun Days** Sat, Aug 24, 11am-4pm
- **Administrative Opportunities** Weekly
- **Pioneer School / Education Opportunities** Sept. & Oct
- **Constitution Day** September 14, 11am-3pm
- **Great Western Reserve Clambake** Sun, Sept 29

**Welcome Staff and New Volunteers**

Welcome to Mark Gilson. Mark is a life long resident of Lake County. Mark and his family owned and managed Gilson Gardens for more than thirty five years. Mark is a graduate of The Ohio State University and Lake Erie College and majored in Business and Accounting. He also worked at a major accounting firm in Cleveland before returning to his family business. Mark has been married to his wife Kris for “145 years” and they have two sons Matthew and Michael. Mark has served on varies Boards and committees including the Local and State Nursery Associations. We are thrilled to have him aboard! Please say hello to Mark when you’re at the Center!!!
ABOUT LAKE COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

Lake County History Center is owned and operated by the Lake County Historical Society, a 501c3 nonprofit founded in 1968. Situated in Lake County, Ohio on eight acres at 415 Riverside Drive In Painesville Township, OH, LCHS maintains the historic 1876 Italianate structure, formerly the Lake County Home. Today it houses a museum with permanent and changing exhibits, a library, rental venues, and a gift shop. The History Center also operates an onsite performance and event barn as well as an 1823 Pioneer Village. Onsite and offsite education programs & events for adults and children are offered throughout the year. The LCHS mission is to preserve, educate, and learn about Lake County, Ohio history.

Hours: Tuesday — Saturday from NOON to 4PM

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