BRING HISTORY TO LIFE FOR YOUR FAMILY

LCHS Civil War Weekend is back by popular demand

On May 26 and 27, plan to travel to Lake County History Center and join the Civil War. From 9:30 am to 4:00 pm, you can leave your present day worries behind and witness an exciting and historic time. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted.

The encampment of soldiers is a sight to see as you drive by. Once you park your car at Riverside High School, engage the troops as you wander through the camp. Discover activities for children, soldiers teaching camp followers about the Civil War, Sutlers selling Civil War goods, comfort food from the past, Civil War music, and a full battle re-creation complete with cannon and battle charges each day at 2:00 pm.

Look for the medical unit, the ladies tea each afternoon and a speaker’s corner featuring distinguished war officers and heroes. Watch as the troops go through their drills. Listen to the sounds of cannons firing including an antique Gatling gun. Sing along at the Civil War church service conducted by the Commander of the Confederate forces who is also a minister. Church begins Sunday morning at 10:00 am.

Pioneer Village will also be open featuring a Pioneer couple who will live at the village. Children’s activities will be offered both days. Many more surprises are planned for you as well so don’t miss this fun-filled day with family and friends.

HIGH-END HOPES: WIN A BEAUTIFUL CIVIL WAR THEMED CHESS SET

Bid during our live auction on May 27, 2018 during LCHS’ Civil War Weekend!

Call Dorothy Wise at (440) 639-2945 to bid early.
The first time I walked the grounds and entered the Lake County History Center I was hooked. Lake County is beautiful, but this eight-acre piece of land situated at the top of a hill with a spooky beautiful building is truly compelling. 415 Riverside Drive is a place you should make an effort to visit between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm Tuesday—Friday or anytime we are doing a community event.

I am honored to be directing this amazing effort made up of a talented staff and volunteers who show more dedication and passion than you can imagine. Expect great things from the Lake County Historical Society (LCHS)!

The board is forward thinking and ready to grow and a new board committee is examining the site in an effort to finalize a master plan for the campus.

Call us anytime at 440-639-2945 and ask for our 2018 Resource Guide. Also online at lakehistory.org, it includes all our activities and tells you a great deal about our efforts. When you come by, ask to see me so I can give you a proper welcome.

Lea Filson, Executive Director, LCHS

Friends of history,

We are very excited to be celebrating Lake County Historical Society’s 80th anniversary – 80 years of preserving the heritage of Lake County through our artifacts and archives and our numerous educational programs.

As a former educator, I am very enthused about how children from area schools experience life in the past with innovative, hands-on programs such as our Pioneer School. When young people are given the unique opportunity to learn how ordinary people lived in the past with fascinating stories, role playing activities and pioneer games, they engage in history.

The History Center is a learning environment, whether it’s viewing our museum exhibits or attending a community event such as our Civil War weekend. Our goal is to connect and educate people of all ages about Lake County history. Remember, history begins with you.

Judith Hempel, Board President
Lake County Historical Society

Elizabeth Komar is General Counsel and Director of Compliance at Pharmacy Data Management, Inc. (PDMI)

Mark Wise is a third generation owner of Tameran Graphic Systems, Inc. He lives in Concord, Ohio.

Rev Jerry Kalb is a retired pastor from the Painesville United Methodist Church and also served as a Painesville city school board member.

As an active member of the Lake County Historical Society, I cast my ballot either FOR or AGAINST the slate presented to me in April, 2018. Each of the individuals named below would serve a THREE YEAR TERM and would be eligible for THREE consecutive terms. The current Board of Directors nominate:

Elizabeth Komar, Painesville Mark Wise, Concord Rev. Jerry Kalb, Painesville

I APPROVE THE ABOVE MENTIONED SLATE: I VOTE AGAINST THE ABOVE MENTIONED SLATE:

Email your vote to: Lfilson@lakehistory.org or mail to us: AT 415 Riverside Drive * Painesville, OH * 44077
MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

$75,000

ANNUAL APPEAL DONATIONS AS OF 3/31/2018:
$21,061.50

THANK YOU!

$37,500

The temperature is rising...

$21K

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MEMBERS, HOW DO WE LOVE THEE?
LET LCHS COUNT THE WAYS

We could not survive without the faithful members who join each year to support the programs and progress of LCHS. 64% of our public support comes from you. Here is a list of benefits that we hope will convince you to stay and bring your friends aboard.

- Free admission to the museum
- LCHS Newsletter
- Free Library Usage
- 10% discount at “Timeless Treasures” gift shop
- Discounted admission to events
- Invitations to Community events
- Behind the scenes tours
- Exhibit grand openings

WHY IS THE LAKE COUNTY HISTORY CENTER IMPORTANT?

Lake County Historical Society has protected and preserved both county and personal resident documents and records from Lake County since 1938.

- We manage a collection of over 30,000 items
- We hold 7,000 archives & have digitized our entire photo library online
- We share 3,567 library books
- We bring 90% of our adult education programs into the community
- We are experiencing a 30% growth in our youth programs

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

In our member spotlight is Lois Harrington, pictured here, who surprised LCHS with a very generous donation for this year’s annual fund. Lois is part of the LCHS “Clean Team” that sweeps and cleans the building regularly. Lois just turned 90 and we have yet to find anyone who has more energy.

THANKS LOIS!

A NEW TRADITION! Each season our welcome tree changes. It is always a great family photo backdrop.
LAKE COUNTY ENTERS THE CIVIL WAR,
1861

From the Jack Daniels Series of “Lake County in the Civil War,” published in the Historical Society Quarterly, April 1961.

Probably the most noteworthy pre-war event to occur in Lake County was the call of President-elect Abraham Lincoln, on his way to Washington for his inauguration. Mr. Lincoln stopped for about 10 minutes at the Painesville Station on February 16. There he addressed a gathering of 4 or 5,000 eager citizens who had assembled to see and hear the Illinois lawyer. The local press observed that this man was not nearly as odd in appearance as previous reports had indicated.

About the time of Lincoln’s inauguration, a meeting was called for the purpose of organizing a Militia Company. It was held in Painesville and speeches were made by Judge Bissel, Jack Casement and other leading citizens. In spite of the grand tone of patriotism, they were able to secure but four volunteers for the cause.

This apathy changed, however, after the bombardment of Ft. Sumter in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina, and President Lincoln’s draft order was issued requesting 75,000 troops. A glorious wave of patriotism swept the county and the citizens set out to raise Militia Companies in response to the President’s call for men. They resolved that the call for Militia would receive the prompt and efficient response of Lake County in the times. A very unusual circumstance occurred in that The Star Spangled Banner was heard to be rendered by various choirs at the opening of their respective church services.

In April Lake County sent its first companies in answer to the President’s call. As the first companies left with their knapsacks and the heartfelt thanks of their community, the Painesville Coronet Band was on hand playing martial music and other tunes, such as The Star Spangled Banner and Yankee Doodle. As a part of the departure ceremony, the men elected their officers, as was common in that day. The Painesville Volunteers elected E. A. Wright as theirs. A week later, a company composed of men from Mentor, Willoughby and Kirtland, known as the Union Savers, prepared to depart. They elected R. B. Moore of Willoughby as captain. The township of Leroy announced that it had the names of 40 volunteers who had elected N. Carter as their captain. Lake County’s quota in the first draft order was 101 and by the 2nd of May they had sent 310, in addition to which, another 130 were ready to depart. Such was the enthusiasm and patriotism of “Little Lake,” the smallest county in Ohio.

The volunteers reported to Camp Taylor, in Cleveland, where they were reassigned from their colorful Militia companies into regular organizational units. Most of them became members of the Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Jack Casement, of Painesville, was elected Major of this unit and, soon after, they departed for Camp Dennison, at Cincinnati. Here, the pride of Lake County, anxious for the excitement of battle and the glory of victory, settled into the dreary routine of drill and camp life.

This routine, combined with the high rate of disease in military camps of that day, caused the boys to become quite homesick within the first month of service. Their first excitement occurred in May when they heard a shout “The Kentuckians are coming over the hill! To arms, to arms!!” which fell like a thunderbolt in their midst. Each man jumped to his feet, seized his musket and rushed from their barracks toward the Kentuckians. Captain Dyer soon restored order out of this chaos, which was actually only a hoax.

Nevertheless, the Lake County boys were quite proud of the fact that they had formed in battle line 12 minutes after the first alarm. Lake County soon became recognized as fertile ground for recruiting and received many drives for such units as Zouave Light Guards, 54th Ohio Zouaves and the 29th OVI.

The citizens of the County started collecting clothing, food and other items necessary to a soldier’s life and sent them off to the men in camp. One of the first shipments was 250 pounds of butter, 180 bushels of potatoes, 100 pounds of cheese, 200 pounds of dried apples, a barrel of eggs,
professional services free to all those families whose husbands had gone into the army. Ladies of the community donated a day or two each week to make wool shirts and other clothing for the volunteers. The interest and efforts of the people at home had an extremely elevating effect on both the morale and the comfort of the men, who were now preparing to leave Camp Dennison.

By the end of June the Lake County volunteers were fully equipped, trained, and on their way to Virginia under the command of Ohio’s General George McClellan. They were ready to wage their first battle against a Confederate force. They fought against Virginia and Georgia troops in many of the early engagements in Northwestern Virginia as McClellan and his Army were successful in such battles as Laurel Hill, Rich Mountain, Carrick’s Ford and Carnifex Ferry.

The activities of this Army of Ohio and Indiana volunteers were largely responsible for keeping the western part of Virginia loyal to the Federal Union and ultimately resulted in the formation of the State of West Virginia.

All was not victory and glory, however, and by late summer the citizens of Lake County began to see for themselves the true effects of war as some of these first volunteers started coming home from Virginia. The returning veterans carried unsightly life-long souvenirs from their adventure in the rough hill country of western Virginia.

The sight of these men, the news of defeat at Manassas, or First Bull Run, was climaxed by the shocking effect of the news relating the death of Captain Dyer who had been elected by the men as their captain just prior to their departure a short four months previous.

The good Captain, along with the men of the 7th OVI, had met with disaster when they were beaten back from Cross Lanes, Virginia. They had been ordered there to protect the Carnifex Ferry crossing on the Gauley River.

A sudden surprise attack from the Rebel forces dislodged the 7th, killing 15, wounding 50, and taking 100 prisoners. The greater part of the regiment was rallied by Major Casement who withdrew them to the vicinity of Charleston, Virginia.

Upon receipt of the news that the 7th had been badly hurt, a committee was dispatched (as was the custom in that day) from the County to go to Virginia. Their purpose was to look after the dead and wounded and to see that the proper arrangements were made for their care. They found the remainder of the regiment under the command of Major Casement, in poor accommodations having lost most of their equipment in battle, but otherwise in fairly good condition. The committee attended to the necessary details in order that the dead might be returned home for burial, and arranged for the care of those who were wounded and could no longer do battle, some of whom also returned home with the committee.

All this news and the report of the committee, caused particularly energetic recruiting of volunteers from the County. The response was tremendous. Incensed at the treatment of their friends who had volunteered, the defeat of the 7th and the death of Captain Dyer, the new recruits were now anxious to go and do their part in retaliation against the Confederacy.

After a short but costly six months of war, the novelty had worn off, the naïve had been educated, the glitter of glory had been dulled, and Lake County set out in earnest to get with the brutal sacrifices necessary to the winning of the war.

Submitted by Lynn Vandevoort. Director of Museum and Library Collections, LCHS

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Soldier’s Monument, Painesville’s Veterans Park
It’s back! Our popular program, Pioneer School, starts again this spring as students visit our replica village, learning about life in the early Western Reserve. During previous years, 20 plus schools have attended, bringing in over 1,400 students!

Want to join the fun but you are not a student or a teacher? Come volunteer! Dress up and pretend while teaching the youngin’s all about hard life on the frontier.

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

KID’S NIGHT OUT

A NEW PROGRAM

Parents, rejoice! This diverting new scheme will entertain your kiddies while you go out for a date. Drop them off at LCHS on June 8, 2018, 6—9 pm where they’ll learn about Lake County through activities and fun. Don’t worry, we’ll feed them too!

June 23 & 24 @ 2PM What if Lake County lost all communications during a disaster? Fear not! There is a dedicated group of amateur radio operators that race to LCHS and begin communicating with local, regional, national, and international emergency officials. Each year, you are invited to see how this group works together during an emergency. Learn about emergency planning and watch as they talk to other operators all over the world.

EDUCATION

2018 PUBLIC EVENTS

Dine Arounds (Spring)..................1st Wed. April & June
ParaX (explore our spooky building)..................May 4
Lantern Tour (Spring)............................May 19
Kid’s Night Out (NEW)..........................June 8
Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast..................June 17

Check for more events online at LakeHistory.org!

2018 GROUP PROGRAMS (Registration required)

Civil War Experience (for children) May 10 & 11
Pioneer School April-Oct
Bus Tours By Request
Summer Camps June-Aug
Walking in Their Moccasins April-Oct
Speakers Bureau By Request
Little Mountain April-Oct
Other Youth Programs:
Visit www.lakehistory.org to book today!

Public Speaker’s Bureau Dates: Be sure to contact the hosting organization to see if the public is invited or if there is a registration cost. LCHS has an active Speakers Bureau directed by Program Director, Tonya Busic. Looking to book one of these programs for your group or organization? Contact Tonya at tbusic@lakehistory.org or visit www.lakehistory.org for a complete list of LCHS presentations.

April 18 @ 1:30pm “Nurseries in Lake County” (55+ group) Concord Community Center
April 25 @ 7:00pm “Lake County Summers Gone By” Willowick Public Library
May 11 @ 10:30am “Remarkable Ladies” Willoughby Senior Center
June 7 @ 6:30pm “Bet You Didn’t Know: Lake County” Fairport Public Library
June 15 @ 11:30am “Architecture of Jonathan Goldsmith” St. James Episcopal Church

Interested in becoming one of our presenters? Contact Tonya Busic for details at 440-639-2945.
EVENTS & VOLUNTEERS

LADIES WHO LUNCH
June 21, July 19, & August 16

“In the best conversations, you don’t even remember what you talked about, only how it felt…” - John Green, ‘Turtles All the Way Down’

Need a place to meet your girlfriends, hear about warm topics and fond memories of the Lake County area, and exchange the latest gossip? Our summer lunches are the place to see and be seen. Ladies, plan to join us, enjoy lunch, and relax in the middle of your busy day.

Day of Service From Kent State Alumni

If you drive by LCHS on Saturday, April 21, expect to see a group of enthusiastic young people milling about sprucing up the campus. Each year we gladly host a group of Kent State University students as proud partners of its “Alumni Day of Service.” Thank you to all!

Caring Is Sharing

Besides donating priceless time as a volunteer, there are many ways you can give to LCHS and each one is appreciated more than words can say. Your contribution helps preserve Lake County history, offer educational programs for you and your family, and create events for the community held on our grounds. Here’s how you can give:

- Donate through Membership Dues
- Cash donations to the Annual Fund
- Designated donations tied to a specific interest
- In-Kind gifts either for the center or for any of our many events
- Gifts for our raffles and auctions
- Sponsorships for our publications and events
- Bequests
- Stocks
- Grants from your Family Fund

For more information, contact Executive Director Lea Filson at Lfilson@lakehistory.org or 440-639-2945, Extension 11.

An Invitation to Be a LCHS Volunteer

We all dream of being able to go to the money tree in our backyard for whatever we want. We have a tree here at LCHS but instead of money, it dispenses services. Those services come in the form of our volunteers.

Here in the LCHS office, most of the staff I work with is made up of volunteers doing administrative duties. Even our few paid staff work as many volunteer hours as employee hours. Our Volunteer Managers and Coordinators oversee events, development, membership, building-maintenance, grounds-maintenance, exhibit set up, library organization and digitization, and even construction projects in our various buildings. We have actors that play parts in Pioneer Village, teachers who guide young hands in candle-making, readers who inspire kids, and reenactors who go out on our Speakers Bureau assignments.

To those who are thinking about joining us I would tell you that every hour you spend volunteering in this life contributes to the environment in which you live. If you want to make your reality better, the way to do that is through choosing what matters to you and volunteering to make it better.

LCHS offers a friendly volunteer association that will listen to your desires for service and assign you to your area of interest. An added bonus is that you’ll make friends for life. We are here to serve and contribute to our community and have fun along the way. To sign up or just ask questions, email Joe Greaves, President of the Lake County History Center Volunteer Association at jbluecollar@hotmail.com.
JOIN GENERAL GARFIELD ON THE BATTLEFIELD AT CIVIL WAR WEEKEND, MAY 26 & 27, LAKE COUNTY HISTORY CENTER! DETAILS INSIDE!