**It's a Million Little Things - County Factoids**

Factoids are brief or trivial little bits of information. However, it is the summation of these endless historical facts that make Ohio’s smallest county truly special. One can often miss these artifacts, markers or hidden gems in the hustle and bustle of everyday life. These Lake County factoids will never appear on the bottom of a Snapple bottle cap but are worthy! Let’s see how many you were aware of.

1. The Buckeye Trail is the United States’ longest trail loop at 1444 miles. Begun in 1959 and finished some twenty years later, this trail covers 49 Ohio counties and moves in a clockwise direction from a marker found at the northern-most terminus located at Headlands and Fairport Harbor.

2. The Hosea Brown Barn found in Concord Township celebrated its 200th anniversary in 2017 and is the oldest New England style barn remaining on its original site.

3. The Old Stone School (1840) and the Henry Earl House (1841) are the county’s oldest quarried structures. Both can be visited.

4. Jonathan Goldsmith’s gravesite is located at the Blish Cemetery in Painesville Township near the site of his former home and property (Lake County Fairgrounds).

5. Dock Road / Arcola Creek in Madison was once the site of the county’s largest port in the mid-1800s. Fairport Harbor ranked second.

6. Eber Howe founded not only the Painesville Telegraph but ‘coined' the word bogus in the mid-1800s. The term referred to fake currency during the Civil War era.

7. One of writer/producer Rod Serling’s favorite 1970 Twilight Zone episodes had an event from Willoughby’s past history as a central element of the narrative. The episode was titled “Last Stop Willoughby.”

8. Susan B. Anthony, Wild Bill Hickok and Annie Oakley were all guests at the Jennings (Casement) House in Painesville.

9. Girdled Road is one of the Western Reserve’s last original transportation remnants. Original sections still remain in Concord and Leroy Townships. College Hall on the Lake Erie campus is one of the Western Reserve’s last original educational edifices. The Social Parlor owns that distinction.

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