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SATURDAY, July 24 at 4 P.M. MURDER AT THE MUSEUM

A Scream in the night, bloody footprints and a museum full of artifacts. Become a detective in this interactive "Who Dunit?"



Members \$15.00

Non-Members \$20.00

Reservations Due by

Friday, July 22nd

Call 419 337 7922 or

Book on-line at
www.museumoffultoncounty.org

FULTON COUNTY FAIR 2021

September 2 -9

The Blacksmith Shop and the Log Cabin will be open through out the Fair for activities and games from all time periods. You also might see us in the Dairy Association milk shake stand, so call if you can lend a hand.

Third Thursdays

We will be open until 8 P.M. on the third Thursday of June, July, and August for you to enjoy evening hours at the museum.

SATURDAY, August 14, 2021

THE GREAT FULTON COUNTY ROAD RALLY

Race across the county as you piece together clues to save us from an ancient curse of the mound builders in this interactive event.

Rally tickets(2pm)
and dinner **\$20.00**

Dinner only(5-6pm)
\$10.00

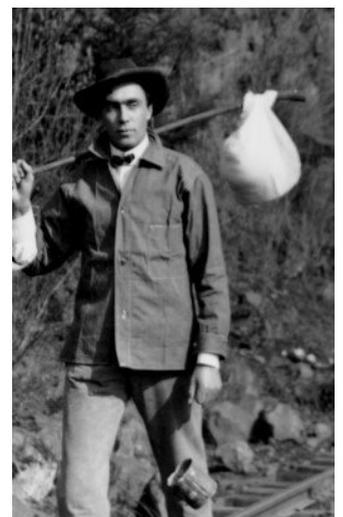
*Reservations due
August 6, 2021*



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

HOBO FESTIVAL AT THE DEPOT

Enjoy a fall day as you discover the lore of the men who rode the rails. Entertainment, learning activities and a Hobo Dinner are all part of the fun. Free will donation will be accepted. Check our website for time.



SCOTTDEL OF SWANTON

Scottdel, Inc. of Swanton is not a household name in Fulton County, as many businesses are, but it has a long history in the area. A.D. Baker developed and built a steam-powered engine in 1898. The machine was very successful along with other farm machinery that he developed, and he needed an outlet to promote and sell his products. Thus, Scottdel, Inc. was founded and remains in business today.

One of our faithful volunteers, Shelby VonSeggrem Tipping, remembers stories about the factory from the 1950's. Her aunt worked in the office, and one summer while her aunt was on vacation, Shelby filled in for her. She also remembers that her aunt had a roller coaster in her back yard for her children to enjoy. The rails came in sections 8 feet long, and you could buy as many as you wanted. They were of steel construction with rust-proof plating. The cost was \$69.00 in 1955. The roller coaster was the only toy manufactured at Scottdel.

In 1961, keeping with the creative tradition of the family, Scottdel invented and patented the world's first bonded log molding system for the manufacture of bonded urethane carpet cushion which is still in use today. The Baker descendants are still affiliated with the company.

NEW! No Other Toy Like It!
IT'S FUN TO RIDE ON THE
SCOTTDEL SCOOTER COASTER
A FULL FORTY FOOT LONG, YARD-SIZE
ROLLER COASTER




- SAFE SPEED
- ALL-STEEL CONSTRUCTION
- RUST-PROOF PLATING
- EIGHT 5 FOOT SECTIONS
- EASILY ASSEMBLED
- ADDITIONAL TRACK AVAILABLE

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE
\$69.50
SHIPPED K. D. 110 LBS.

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for the
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EIGHT SCOTTDEL SCOOTER COASTERS
WILL BE IN USE
SATURDAY, JUNE 2
FROM 9 A.M. TILL NOON
AT OUR FACTORY
JUST OFF BROADWAY ST., SWANTON

**THIS AD GOOD FOR
10 FREE RIDES!**
BRING YOUR PARENTS
SCOTTDEL, INC.
SWANTON, O.

The advertisement at the left was published in nationally circulated magazines to promote sales.

The ad above appeared in the Swanton Enterprise inviting local children to come to the factory and enjoy rides on the coaster. An example of this coaster is presently on display in the "It's Child's Play" exhibit.

Dear Members and Friends of the Museum,

We finally made it!!! We can shake hands again, hug each other, and enjoy activities just like before. It's truly a breath of fresh air. All of our upcoming events are in-person and mask-free if you have been vaccinated.

Our "Child's Play" exhibit has been a huge success. The adults seem to enjoy it as much or more than the children. If you haven't experienced it, set a date and bring children and grandchildren. They will love it! All of the museum's events at the fair this year will be centered around our theme "Child's Play."

"Murder at the Museum" and the "The Great Fulton County Road Rally" are back and in-person events. Get a group of friends together and enjoy these events, some of which we missed out on last year.

Our newest calendar addition, "Third Thursdays", should be fun for the family. We are looking for your feedback on being open past 4:00pm once a month.

Packages come regularly to the Legacy Shop with new and exciting merchandise. If you haven't been in recently, it's time to stop by and check out all the treasures you've been missing.

We have a new volunteer who is organizing all of our clothing. What a job! There are boxes of items from years ago that have never been given a number or entered into our computer system. Others have never been photographed. This is no easy task but one that has been needed for a long time. Thanks to Jennifer, the collection should be in great shape when she finishes, and our collection will be much more accessible.

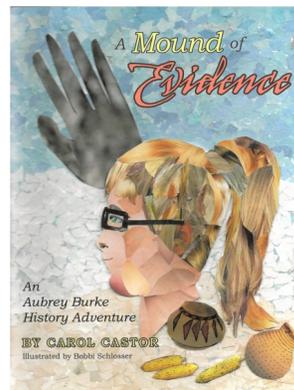
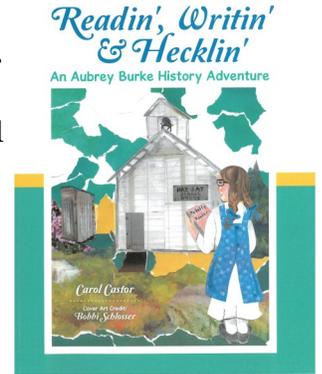
Have a safe and happy summertime!

John Sweainen, Jr.

Director

NEW LEGACY SHOP BOOKS

Carol Castor, author of the books shown below, is a local artist. Early in her marriage, she helped manage the family farm and raised her family of three. After her family was grown, she attended college and earned a degree in history and museum studies. She later became a curator. Recently, she started writing children's history adventures.



A Mound of Evidence is a story about a 21st century girl transported back in time to 500 B.C.E. into the Hopewell Indian tradition. In *Blue Star North*, Aubrey takes a ride on the Underground Railroad, and in the third book, *Readin' Writin' & Hecklin'*, the heroine finds herself in a one room school around 1901.

Also new to the shop, we have magnets, stickers, old-fashioned suckers with a modern twist, new T-Shirts and travel mugs.



Stop in today and help us promote the Museum and Fulton County with your purchases!





RECENT ACCESSIONS

If you could name this object at left, you are older or wiser than the staff at the museum. We had to do some research. The object is a vintage pie lifter. We think it would have been used to remove a pan from a hearth-type oven or from over an open fire.

If you have any information that would shed light on this object, please share it with us.

The silver tea/coffee set, shown at right, was a wedding gift to Dresden and Mary Copeland Howard. They were married in Monroe, Michigan, where Mary lived with her parents. After the wedding, they moved to Wood County in Ohio. They later moved to Winameg, where they built a beautiful mansion and probably used the tea set when entertaining guests. The set was donated in memory of John Hallaur.



THE FULTON COUNTY FAIR

The county fair is back and probably bigger and better than before. We will have all of the usual events for you to enjoy plus the Heritage Alliance members will be joining us under the big tent. They will take turns. Each one will have a day to staff the tent. Stop by and say "Hello" to our friends throughout the county.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with the fair program. They will staff the log cabin and help with other activities. All of the events this year will be centered around children.

Hours needed:

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday
10 A.M. to 7 P.M.

Tuesday and Wednesday
10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Thursday
10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Call the museum 419 337 7922 or send an e-mail to info@museumoffultoncounty.org (John) or store@museumoffultoncounty.org (Scott) to let us know when you are available.