Dear Members and Friends,

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

It’s going to be a great year at the Museum of Fulton County. John and Scott have events lined up for the entire year that are new and exciting. The first one is Wava’s Modern Miracle with the preview on January 25. Get your reservation in early so you won’t get left out of the fun and excitement of the opening of a new exhibit.

We also have a big Grandparents week during Spring break. This is a great time to bring your grand children to see the museum and introduce them to history. The log cabin and the Blacksmith shop will be open too with special hands on activities.

2019 looks to be a banner year for the museum. Volunteers are needed more than ever. If you can help out in any way, don’t hesitate to share your talents.

Thanks to all of you for supporting the museum and Welcome Center. Visit often, you will find something new and or different every time you go.

Carl Buehrer, President

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WAVA’S MODERN MIRACLE EXHIBIT

The next exciting exhibit to come to the museum is “Wava’s Modern Miracle” which will open officially on Saturday, January 26th, but you all are invited to a preview reception on Friday, January 25th. The exhibit is about the Imes Family and how electricity changed their lives. They were one of the last family in Fulton County to be electrified. Studies were done prior to the installation in regards to how much time was consumed in doing laundry the old fashioned way and how much time would be saved doing it the modern way. An electric washer, dryer and mangle (ironer) were installed. Mrs. Imes loved them. She had lots of time to do other things.

The exhibit runs through September 8th but you won’t want to miss the grand opening. Call the museum to confirm your reservation by January 18th. (members only) You won’t want to miss this one!

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March 16, 2019 Irish-American Heritage Day

Join us as we celebrate the contributions of the Irish to the county. Come dressed in your blarney best and get entered into our “Wearing of the Green” contest while learn about the conditions in Ireland the forced so many to leave their home forever and how they influenced the development of the Underground railroad in the county. In addition, a Potato Soup meal, entertainment, and children’s activities will be offered.
UPCOMING EVENTS
MUSEUM AND HISTORY MANOR
January 25  Members only event
   Opening of Wava’s Modern Miracle and reception
January 26—Exhibit open to the public
February 9—Valentine tea
March 16 Irish—American day
March 16—April 19  Spring break

FULTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
   Monthly meetings at the Trinity Lutheran Church at 7 P.M.
   . January 9, Work Night/Brick Walls
   February 13, Genealogy Webinar—Topic TBA
   March 13, Native Americans in Fulton County
       Nancy Lewis

SAUDER VILLAGE
March 3, 2019, 12—3:30 P.M. Bridal Show
    Founder’s Hall
March 7, 2019  7:30 P.M.  Black Swamp Arts Council sponsored concert by the Toledo Symphony Orchestra at Founder’s Hall

BEAN CREEK VALLEY HISTORY CENTER
Coffee and Talk every Saturday morning at the History Center gift certificates are available for $50.00 to “Dig Up Your Roots” call 419 388 3518

METAMORA AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
February 19, Potluck 6 P.M. & Program 7 P.M.
   DVD of family memories of early Metamora Swanton Society will join us.
   Tours of new exhibit included
To register call Alice Herrick 419 644 3485

LYONS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
   Events are planned for Spring of 2019
       Watch this space

HERITAGE ALLIANCE CONFERENCE
January 21, 2019  Fayette Opera House
   10:30 A.M. Ohio Local History Alliance Sessions revealed. Lunch provided  RSVP by January 18 419 337 7922. All society members welcome.

ODE TO OTT-O-KEE
Oh They have a cider mill in Ott-o-kee
And you can always drink your fill in Ott-o-kee
For if it be sweet or sour you will be happy every hour
For they have got the power in old Ott-o-kee
And the weeds they grow tall in Ott-o-kee
And potatoes they are small in Ott-o-kee
For they plant them in the fall and they eat them tops and all.
And oh, how the cows for them do bawl in little Ott-o-kee.
For the trees they do bend in Ott-o-kee
And your money you can spend in Ott-o-kee
If you have not got a friend, in the poor house you will end,
And your last days you can spend in good old Ott-o-kee
For the street lights they are bright in Ott-o-kee
And they never quarrel out in Ott-o-kee
When the sun is shinning bright they put you out of sight
Where you sleep both day and night in the sand hills of Dear Old Ott-o-kee

—Frank Shadle

Advertisement for the Gype cider press manufactured in Toledo and sold in Ottokee.
CIVIL WAR DIARY DONATE TO THE STATE LIBRARY

The Museum’s Spiess Research Center recently worked with Mrs. Donna Buehrer of Archbold to facilitate the donation of a transcript of her grandfather’s Civil War diaries to the State Library of Ohio in Columbus. Sargent Daniel Prickett served in Company H of the 6th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry from 1861 to 1865, and he kept a daily diary of his activities covering all four years. The diary offers a true insight into what life was like for regular soldier during their service. Upon his return from the war, Mr. Prickett became a school teacher and long-time farmer in Northwestern Fulton County. He passed away in May of 1924 at the age of 87 and is buried in the Friends Cemetery near West Unity, Ohio. Mrs. Buehrer has generously donated Mr. Prickett’s original diary to the Museum along with a copy of the transcript which can be viewed in the Spiess Research Center.

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Prickett
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THE BORTON DESK

Elis Borton, grandfather of Lyle Borton owned and operated a sawmill and brick yard in Fulton County (1891-1904). In 1886 he sold lumber to Leslie Cornell to make Furniture in (oak, cherry & hard maple). When Mr. Cornell could not pay, he offered to make this desk as a settlement. Ellis wanted cash but accepted the barter. The cherry wood used in the desk is from a farm on road 19 about a 1/2 mile North of Rd. L.in Fulton County. Ellis used the secretary until 1949 when he gave it to his son, Hazen Borton. Hazen gave it to his son, Lyle in 1974 where is has been until July of 2018 when it was donated to the museum.

The piece is currently on display in the Jones exhibit where it will be until April 21, 2019. After that it will be on display at the Manor House.
SPRING BREAK SHARED EXPERIENCES

April 1-19 are going to be special for children on Spring Break and their Grandparents. For those Grandparents who often babysit the children, we have the perfect way to entertain them. Bring them to the museum and introduce them to the wonderful history they may have missed. Show them how things were done before the age of computers and handheld phones. They will be fascinated!!!! The Canfield Log Cabin and the Reighard Blacksmith Shop at the fair grounds will also be open with lots of hands-on activities. Don’t miss this opportunity to share with a new generation your life experiences!

VALENTINE TEA

Bring your special valentine to tea. Saturday, February 9th is the date of the first tea of 2019. It will be in celebration of Valentine’s Day. The food will be delicious as it always is and the stories of a bygone era will be told.

Program “History of Valentines”
Prepaid reservations are required.
Serving starts at 11 A.M.
Call (419 337 7922) for available times.

HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION

On November 17, 2018, an historical marker was placed in Goll’s Woods in honor of Peter Goll Family who preserved the tract for future generations and James Riley, an early 19th century land surveyor.

The marker was sponsored by Joe Fenicle and the Northwest Ohio and Toledo chapters of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio. Mr. Fenicle did the research and composed the text for the marker.

When you are in the area, take some time and check out this new marker. You won’t be disappointed.

New website address
We have completed the transfer of information to our new web host:
Email: info@museumoffultoncounty.org

ATTENTION MEMBERS

With your help in the last year, we created a top-notch museum. The design and location of the building allows us to have more events, helps researchers, continues to expand the collection and better shares the unique history of Fulton County with the world (see just had visitors from France and Italy). However, this expansion has created a need for more personnel: workers to give tours and help researchers, volunteers to design and create special exhibits and programs, re-enactors for programs, cooks and bakers, event set up and greeters, shopping assistants, receptionists, clerical helpers, exhibit cleaning staff— and the list goes on.

Join us at a “VOLUNTEER INFORMATION AND APPRECIATION” on January 19, 2019 at 11 A.M. at the Museum of Fulton County, OH, across from the fairgrounds. If you or someone you know are curious about our volunteer program, please mark the date. We will explain all the possible ways that you can help make the museum even bigger and better. You might even see a need we forgot. There will be a chance to tour the present exhibits, chat with other volunteers, and enjoy refreshments.

PLEASE JOIN US!