

# Educational

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### 2020-2021 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



WCHS Adult Talk "The Lodge in Wood County and the Golden Age of Fraternalism"

Become a sponsor of the Wood County Museum Education Program Series to help preserve this unique local history education for all ages.

**\$5,000** - your name/logo will be associated with all educational marketing materials in 2020 and 2021.

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**\$500** - choose a series for your sponsorship

**Donations of any size are also welcome to support the Wood County Historical Society.**

#### Sponsorship Recognition:

- Print & Digital Marketing
- Verbal Mentions at selected programs
- Press Release: 100 NWOH media outlets
- Radio Mention: WBGU Morning Show
- Chanticleer newsletter: 4 quarterly issues
- Social Media posts & Website Listing
- Museum Passes: (4) to use or share
- Behind-the-Scenes Invitation at \$500+ level

#### ADULT TALK SERIES

Education coordinator, Michael McMaster, gives on average 50 adult talks annually to civic groups, senior centers, and professional organizations in and around Wood County. All talks are relevant to unique aspects of Wood County and Northwest Ohio. Talks can be in-person, virtual, or part of a museum tour.

#### SCHOOL TALK SERIES

To fulfill Ohio's school curriculum for local history, Education coordinator, Michael McMaster works with teachers and homeschool groups to provide local history talks to third and fourth graders. Talks can be in-person, virtual, or part of a museum tour, which includes a scavenger hunt.

#### TRAVELING TRUNKS

Traveling trunks and baskets provide an interactive component to coursework, filled with historic reproductions, clothing, and accessories. Teachers can keep the trunks for up to one week to integrate its contents into their curriculum. All trunks are sanitized and quarantined for 14 days before being sent to its next destination.

#### HANDS-ON HISTORY ROOM

The museum will bring back the popular hand-on history room slated for 2022. This fun yet educational space is being developed by museum staff with input from local teachers. Sponsorship will support the construction and purchasing of interactive materials.

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## **ADULT TALK SERIES - 2020**

### **The Night the Sky Fell: November 13, 1833**

Witnessed by Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglas, and the simplest Wood County pioneer girl, learn how people reacted to the most magnificent and terrifying celestial event ever recorded in North America.

### **Woodbury House: A Wood County Ghost Story**

Learn about the ghost town of Woodbury, Wood County, Ohio and what the historical record says about this Black Swamp pioneer town.

### **The Transcontinental Airport of Toledo**

#### **Incorporated: Rise of Wood County's Airfield**

Built 90 years ago as the second largest airfield east of the Rocky Mountains, the Transcontinental Airport of Toledo in Lake Township saw famous aviation pioneers such as Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart.

### **Flight to Extinction: The American Passenger Pigeon & How Modern History Got the Bowling Green Massacre Wrong**

At exactly 1:00 PM on September 1st, 2014, marked the 100th anniversary of the extinction of the passenger pigeon. What role did the Bowling Green Massacre play in the demise of this elegant bird?

### **Tales from the "Misty Past" Vol. I:**

#### **Charles W. Evers and the Pioneer Scrap-book of Wood County, Ohio**

Local historian Charles Evers wrote about Wood County's last bear hunt, the origin of "Devil's Hole," and Mahlon Meeker's thrilling escape from a pack of hungry wolves.

### **Tales from the "Misty Past" Vol. II:**

#### **Charles W. Evers and the Pioneer Scrap-book of Wood County, Ohio**

Sheriff and newspaperman Charles Evers spins a tale of ruin and despair on the account of one Jim Slater. Did Slater curse Bairdstown, Bloom Township, in Wood County?

### **The Lodge in Wood County and the Golden Age of Fraternalism**

Learn about the Golden Age of fraternal orders in Wood County from 1870-1930 and what artifacts, and mysteries, they left behind.

### **Base Ball Today:**

#### **The Interurban in Northwest Ohio**

The rise of these electric street cars changed local transportation for decades, and also paralleled the rise of professional base ball (two words back then) in America. Learn how early female base ball pioneer Alta Weiss toured Northwest Ohio on the interurban.

### **Henry County in the Great War:**

#### **Loyalty Trials, German-Americans, and The League of American Patriots**

In 1918, The League of American Patriots of Henry County was formed with the reported purpose of stamping out pro-German propaganda in the county. Despite their stated goal, the League set its aim on the German Lutheran churches and especially their parochial schools. Several high profile Loyalty Trials were held, and petty religious, political, and personal grudges were exacerbated by the German spy hysteria that gripped America. Patriotism was used as a cloak to settle these scores.

### **The First Global War on Terror: German Conspiracy and Sabotage in America 1914-1918**

German and German-American spy rings planned sabotage at home bringing World War I to American soil from 1914-1918. German agents, generously funded through the German embassy, set off the largest terrorist explosion in New York City history in 1916, using Anthrax as a weapon of war.

### **The Irish Invasion of Canada 1866**

After the American Civil War, a well-funded and well-organized army of Irish-American "Fenians" invaded Canada, culminating in the Battle of Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada.

### **What Happened in Wood County March 14, 1858? Ellen White and the Miracle at Lovett's Grove**

At one of the most interesting churches in Wood County, Ellen White received a vision from God that would forever alter the faith of the American Adventists.

## SCHOOL TALK SERIES - 2020

### Fort Portage:

#### Wood County's Other War of 1812 Fort

Described at the time as, "a place of not much importance," Fort Portage played a role in forging a trail through Wood County's Great Black Swamp.

### Shutnok: A Wood County Legend

Described in 1909 by newspaper editor Charles Evers as the tallest sand dune in Wood County. The history of this forgotten place in Plain Township comes with legends - Does the ghost of Ottawa Chief Tondaganie's daughter still haunt the place called Shutnok?

### Cross of Iron, Cross of Gold

The 1918 sinking of the U.S.S. Ticonderoga, the largest American naval disaster of World War I, left its mark on Wood County.

## TRAVELING TRUNKS

### American Civil War

Reproduction hardtack box filled with uniforms, equipment, and personal items used by the common Civil War soldier

### Colonial Boy and Girl

Reproduction blanket chest filled with clothing, hats, clay marbles, wooden toys, educational playing cards, newspapers, and "hornbooks," a simple wooden paddle with lessons used instead of an expensive school book.

### Native American

This traveling pack basket is filled with 18th century items such as moccasins and trade goods.

### World War I

Students can better visualize war life with helmets, a gas mask, and period photos.

### World War II

Students will better visualize life on the homefront and for the common soldier with uniforms and equipment such as a helmet, ration booklets, and period magazines from World War II.

### Native Americans of Northwest Ohio

This 30-40 minute PowerPoint presentation covers the history of Northwest Ohio's Native people from prehistoric days until the 1830s removal period.

### Ohio Inventors & Innovators: From Light to Flight

This 30-40 minute PowerPoint program highlights eleven Ohio inventors: Edward Libbey, B.F. Goodrich, Alexander Winton, John D. Rockefeller, Samuel Gompers, Thomas Edison, Charles Brush, Granville Woods, the Wright Brothers, Charles Kettering, and Garrett Morgan.

### Thomas Alva Edison: Ohio Inventor Genius

This program is full of inspirational quotes made by Edison himself, fun trivia facts, and a demonstration using a reproduction Edison light bulb.

### History of Wood County: 10,000 B.C. to Present

This program covers a 30-40 overview of our county's history from the last Ice Age to present, lending itself to effectively cover many portions of the State of Ohio Elementary Social Studies standards. Accompanied by historic artifacts to illustrate the growth from prehistoric stone tools, Native clothing, Ohio crude oil, and more.

### Town Ball: An Historic Base Ball Game

Presentation & Activity

### The Underground Railroad in Northwest Ohio

The Underground Railroad is a relevant topic to local students with many connections to Northwest Ohio. primary source images and first-hand narratives of the local people and places that helped many slaves escape to freedom.

### War of 1812 in Ohio: The Siege of Fort Meigs & the Battle of Lake Erie

Learn about the Northwest Ordinance and how the Siege of Fort Meigs and the Battle of Lake Erie helped shape the history of Ohio.

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