

The Billet

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Photos, from left: Civil War reenactors fire cannons during the "1812 Overture" at the Independence Day Concert that featured the Toledo Symphony Concert Band; Oak Acres Farm Park offers pony rides during Nature at the Grove on June 24; the Fostoria Community Band plays a variety of music during the June 28 Verandah Concert.

Traveling James Monroe exhibit comes to Hayes

The traveling exhibit "In the Spirit of the People: James Monroe's 1817 Tour of the United States" will be on display in the Hayes Museum auditorium Aug. 1 - 20. This exhibit was organized by the James Monroe Museum and The Papers of James Monroe and commemorates the bicentennial of President James Monroe's historic presidential tour of the northern states.

Modern-day presidents are readily recognizable by almost every American. This was not true 200 years ago. Monroe's predecessors rarely traveled, and there were no electronic media continually broadcasting the president's image or the sound of his voice. Monroe's tour created a national sensation. Americans came out by the thousands, thrilled by the opportunity to see the president, and newspapers across the country gave day-by-day accounts of his progress. Political differences were forgotten as Americans of both parties joined together in grand celebrations marked by parades, speeches, dinners, balls, receptions and concerts. A Boston newspaper coined the phrase "Era of Good Feelings" to describe the national unity created by Monroe's tour. The term became the catch phrase of his presidency.

This exhibit also has relevance to President Rutherford B. Hayes. He was the first sitting president to travel to the West Coast. He also traveled through the South, and his trips were meant to help unite the country. Members are admitted for free. Admission for non-members is included in the price of a regular museum ticket.

Two Verandah Concerts left this summer

There are two Verandah Concerts left this summer. They are: Aug. 9, featuring the Terra Brass Choir, and Aug. 23, featuring North Coast Big Band. Each event begins with an old-fashioned ice cream social at 6:30 p.m. The concert follows at 7. Bring a chair or blanket for seating on the lawn. **Sponsored by Fremont Federal Credit Union.** *Additional funding provided by Mosser Construction.*



Author to discuss Ohio State football book Aug. 20

Author Robert J. Roman will present a talk regarding his book, "Ohio State Football: The Forgotten Dawn," published by the University of Akron Press, on Aug. 20 in the museum auditorium. The talk begins at 2 p.m. Admission is free. The book is a history of the early years of OSU football and includes references to Rutherford B. Hayes. After his talk, Roman will sign copies of his book.

Reserve seats for Lecture on the Presidency

An expert on President Richard Nixon's secret White House tapes will give the annual Lecture on the Presidency on Oct. 8 at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. Luke Nichter, who has been interviewed on national TV and in publications, will discuss "A decade with the Nixon tapes: What we have learned and what we have yet to learn."

Nichter, a native of the Bowling Green area who studied at Bowling Green State University, will speak at 1:30 p.m. in the museum auditorium. Wine and light hors d'oeuvres will be available at the beginning of the event. A reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres will follow at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 419-332-2081, ext. 238.

Before the lecture, a wreath-laying ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. at President Rutherford B. Hayes' tomb. This ceremony is in honor of President Hayes' birthday, which is Oct. 4. Military representatives sent by President Donald Trump will lay the wreath. This ceremony is free and open to the public.

Lecture on the Presidency is sponsored by National Machinery Foundation and ProMedica Memorial Hospital.



Members and volunteers, we need your help!

Staff would like to keep you connected through online correspondence. Please send your preferred email to Annual Giving and Membership Coordinator Meghan Wonderly at mwonderly@rbhayes.org.

Welcome, June new members!

Jennifer McFarland of Cincinnati, OH; John Berschied, Jr. of Libertyville, IL; Todd & Heidi Blohm of Port Clinton, OH; James & Stephanie Boys of Springboro, OH; Ms. Robin Dunlap of Marengo, OH; Robert Foote of Baraboo, WI; Joseph & Carol Herman of Middleburg Heights, OH; Gloria Bauer Ishida of Saitama Japan; Scot & Brook Ohms of Rossford, OH; Dr./Mrs. Joseph Sanders of Willoughby, OH; Constance Sovinski of Fremont, OH; M/M Tom Stierwalt of Fremont, OH; Nancy Stoner of Fremont, OH; Thomas L. Vince of Hudson, OH

Squires have home vintage base ball games

The Spiegel Grove Squires, the vintage base ball team at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, have two home games this month - Aug. 6 and Aug. 27. Both games begin at 2 p.m. on the lawn behind the Hayes Home. Admission is free. The Squires will play the Stemtown Stinkers on Aug. 6 and the Columbus Buckeyes on Aug. 27. **The Squires are sponsored by Wright Leather Works.**



Volunteer Notes (Joan Eckermann, special events/volunteer coordinator, 419-332-2081, ext. 245; jeckermann@rbhayes.org)

Volunteer hours

Your volunteer hours for April, May and June totaled 1,749. Thank you for donating your time, skills and talents to us!

Did you know that . . .

. . . you can include travel time from your home to Spiegel Grove when you volunteer here? That can add up, particularly for those of you who live outside of Fremont!

Volunteer Birthdays in August

Our best wishes for a happy birthday go to volunteers Ellen Beier, Sandra Best, Jean Blechschmidt, Susan Borkovich, Linda Gegorski, Barb Horn, Gary Kaltenbach, Jim King, Lynn Monday and Larry Stout.