Squires open home season with celebrity all-star game

The Spiegel Grove Squires, the vintage baseball team at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, will play their first home game against local celebrities on Sunday, June 9, on the lawn behind the Hayes Home. The game begins at 2 p.m. Admission is free. The Squires have two other home games this year: Sunday, Aug. 18 – 2 p.m. vs. the Canton Cornshuckers and Sunday, Aug. 25 – 2 p.m. vs. the Canal Dover Red Legs. For their full schedule, visit rbhayes.org.

The Squires bring to life base ball in the 1860s, when the sport — spelled with two words at the time — became organized with standard rules of play for clubs. Members are volunteers. They have studied and learned the methods of play used in the 1860s, including playing bare-handed. Players are called ballists, and they wear period-style uniforms and adopt the language of 19th-century base ball during their matches, as games were called back then. The Squires are sponsored by Wright Leather Works.

Animals, food, hands-on fun at GroveFest on June 22

President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes loved nature and the outdoors. At their beloved estate of Spiegel Grove, they raised cows and chickens, planted trees and lovingly tended to the wooded property. Lucy Hayes’ favorite pastime was fishing, and she loved nature so much that her official White House china bore images of the flora and fauna of the United States, from deer and raccoons to fish and lobsters.

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums continues to share the Hayeses’ love of the outdoors through its annual GroveFest, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 22. This free event that showcases Spiegel Grove, which is a state park, and includes nature organizations offering hands-on activities throughout the day.

Back to the Wild Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Castalia will give a live animal presentation. Food will be available on the grounds for a donation or purchase. A full event schedule will be posted at rbhayes.org.

Visitor parking is off-site only with the exception of those who have handicapped tags for their car. Parking will be available on the street and in ProMedica Memorial Hospital’s parking lots at Buildings A and B, located at 605. Third Ave. Spiegel Grove is a short walk to the east of the hospital parking lots.

Title sponsor: Key Bank N.A. Trustee for the Walter E. Terhune Memorial Fund. Activity sponsors: The Fremont Co.; Christy Lease; Mosser Construction; Pomona Properties, LLC; ProMedica Memorial and Paramount Advantage; Unique Fabrications; U.S. Bank Foundation. Supporters: Century Die; Wright Leather Works.

Daughters of the American Revolution program

What are the Daughters of the American Revolution, and what is the process to become a member? Find out during a special program from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 23, at the Hayes Presidential Library. After the program, the library will be open from 2 to 3 p.m. to those attending so that they can do research. Admission to the program and the library is free.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a national social service organization that promotes history, education and patriotism. Members have a Revolutionary War patriot in their family tree. Patriots do not have to be soldiers. They can be men and women who provided assistance to the war effort.

During this program, Heather Reichert, regent of the DAR’s Col. George Croghan Chapter, and Kim Knepper, registrar of the DAR’s Col. George Croghan Chapter, will share information about the local chapter, what the organization does and what is involved in the application process to join. Hayes Library staff will focus on library resources that might assist in completing the application forms. Emphasis will be placed on materials related to the original 13 colonies. RSVPs are requested and should be made by Friday, June 21. RSVP to John Ransom or Sharon Barnett at 419-332-2081, jransom@rbhayes.org or sbarnett@rbhayes.org.
**Welcome, April new members!**

Mike & Jodi Baker of Fremont, OH; Bob & Donna Benner of Tiffin, OH; Dr. Mark Beudert of South Bend, IN; Marty Brown of Portland, OR; Marty & Wanda Eberly of Fremont, OH; Robert Fry of Columbus, OH; Kirk & Ann Kistler of Fremont, OH; Ashley Lawless of Graytown, OH; Kathleen Longo of Findlay, OH; M/M Thomas May of Loudon, TN; Stephen Myers of Elgin, IL; Kathryn A. Rollins of Fremont, OH; Michael Selmon & Sarah Horn of Alma, MI; M/M George Waldock of Sandusky, OH; M/M Kenneth Wenninger of Sylvania, OH; Dustin Whetsel & Andrea Lawless of Oak Harbor, OH; Geary & Diane Wise of Fremont, OH; Jim Yeager of Fremont, OH

**Croquet, anyone?**

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums Croquet Club is eager to add new members this year. The club plays on selected Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons from May to early October. Membership brochures and schedules are available inside the museum entrance. “Guests Play For Free Day” is at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 2. That’s the perfect opportunity to try this leisurely activity on the beautiful grounds of Spiegel Grove! For information, contact Joan Eckermann, special events/volunteer coordinator.

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

**Volunteer opportunities**

**GroveFest on Saturday, June 22** - Hand out event schedules to visitors, sell wagon ride tickets and work at the food tent. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the grounds of Spiegel Grove.

**Fourth of July Concert** – Sell beverages, hand out programs and distribute flags and pinwheels. Note: Both of these activities involve being on your feet outdoors, so comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate clothing are a must. Please contact Joan if you’d like to help!

**HPLM Volunteer Celebration** - Our annual Volunteer Celebration will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 21, for our rostered volunteers with active status. Watch the mail for your invitation!

**Count Up Your Hours!** - Please remember to record your volunteer hours for April, May and June in the binders located throughout the museum by Wednesday, July 3, or email them directly to Joan. Thank you!

**June birthdays** - Best wishes go to our volunteers celebrating birthdays this month: Alice Beier, Judie Frank, Margaret Gearheart, John Hayes, Jadlynn Moyer, Joanne Smith, Ryan Smith, Kathy Stout, Jim Tabbert and Brook Thompson.