

The Billet

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Photos, from left: Face painting was very popular during the annual Hayes Easter Egg Roll on Saturday, April 20. The event had to be moved inside due to inclement weather. Kids from the Montessori School of Bowling Green paint butterflies before taking a tour of the Hayes Museum during their field trip. Participants work to solve the puzzles in the Civil War themed Escape Room that took place in March.

Author to discuss President Grant, sign copies of book

The author of a book about Ulysses Grant and the issues he faced during his presidency will give a talk and sign copies of his book on Friday, May 10, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

Paul Kahan, Ph.D., will discuss his book “The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant: Preserving the Civil War’s Legacy,” at 4 p.m. in the museum/library building. Copies of the book will be available for sale. Admission is free.

In this book, Kahan focuses on the unique political, economic and cultural forces unleashed by the Civil War and how Grant addressed these issues during his tumultuous two terms as chief executive.

The book, released in June 2018, sheds new light on the business of politics in the decade after the Civil War and portrays an energetic and even progressive executive whose legacy has been overshadowed by his wartime service and his administration’s many scandals.

Kahan earned his Ph.D. in U.S. history from Temple University. He has written several historical books, including “Eastern State Penitentiary: A History” and “Amiable Scoundrel: Simon Cameron, Lincoln’s Scandalous Secretary of War.”



Paul Kahan

Kids Days @ Hayes features obstacle course

Kids can enjoy an obstacle course and relays on Saturday, May 11, on the Spiegel Grove grounds during Kids Days @ Hayes. This event is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It was inspired by the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ World War I exhibit “A Family of Service: The Hayeses in World War I.” Cost is \$3 for kids and grandkids of Hayes Presidential Library & Museums members at the family level and higher and \$5 for non-member kids. There is no charge for adults who bring their kids to this program. Kids Days @ Hayes is an interactive, educational program for kids through age 12. **Title sponsor is Impact Credit Union. Event sponsor is JG3 Fitness.**



Music in the Parlor features flutist, accompanist

Seats are available for Music in the Parlor, which takes place from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 19, in the large parlor of the Hayes Home. The featured musicians are flutist Alec Porter and accompanist Rhys Burgess, performing selections by Bach, Mozart, Dutilleux, Martinů and Rán.

Cost is \$12 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Jacque Baker at 419-332-2081, ext. 238, or online at rbhayes.org/events.

Porter is a music education and music performance dual major at Bowling Green State University. He is also a scholar in the 2016 Cohort of the President’s Leadership Academy, the foremost leadership development program on campus. In 2018, he was named winner of the institution’s concerto competition, performing John Corigliano’s “Pied Piper Fantasy” with orchestra, as well as placing in the competition of the New Albany Symphony that same year.

Rhys Burgess is an active collaborative artist, currently finishing his master’s degree in piano performance at BGSU. He received first prize in the 2018 Marjorie Conrad Art Song competition and third prize the following year in 2019, both times as part of a singer-pianist duo. As a member of a piano sextet, he won third prize in the 2018 Douglas Wayland Chamber Music Competition.

Welcome, March new members!

Brent Campbell of Anoka, MN; Greg & Annie Cassidy of Fostoria, OH; Sonja Hammer of Portage, OH; Ed & Lynda Hoffman of Sylvania, OH; Diana Jaramillo of Bettsville, OH; Claude & Earlene Kilpatrick of Bowling Green, OH; Julia Koppinger of Genoa, OH; Lois Magargle of Fremont, OH; Melanie McKelvey of Fremont, OH; Peggy Merrill of Fremont, OH; James Nye of Lakeville, MN; Marie Perkins of Fremont, OH; Lynne Russell of Fremont, OH; Tim & Bethany Schrader of New Bremen, OH; Dan & Mary Beth Sherman of Slippery Rock, PA; Paul & Melissa Stierhoff of Fremont, OH; Shawna Stoff of Springboro, OH; Lisa Szymanowski of Fremont, OH; Lesley Wadsworth of Fremont, OH; Nancy Weidner of Perrysburg, OH; Joe & Sharon Wilson of Clyde, OH; Dave & Cynthia Young of Lakeside Marblehead, OH; Dr./Mrs. Wade Young of Fremont, OH

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

Volunteer opportunities

Mailing Volunteers - We need 20 to 25 volunteers to help with a bulk mailing on Tuesday, May 14, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in our auditorium. We'll be putting together the next issue of The Statesman. Most of the work is done while seated, but we'll also need help moving the filled mail trays. Beverages and snacks are provided! Please contact Joan if you can help.

Save the date!

Mark your calendars: This year's Volunteer Celebration will be Sunday, July 21, at 12:30 p.m. More details to come!

Thank you for your time!

Your volunteer hours for January, February and March totaled 621. Thanks for sharing your time and talents with us!

May birthdays

Our best wishes for a happy birthday go to volunteers Scott Smith and Marilu Waleryszak