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Photos, from left: Kids make popcorn garland and Christmas crackers during Kids Days @ Hayes on Saturday, Dec. 14. South Creek Clydesdales offers horse-drawn sleigh and trolley rides from Thursday, Dec. 26 - Tuesday, Dec. 31. South Creek will again offer horse-drawn trolley rides during Presidents' Day weekend, Saturday, Feb. 15 - Monday, Feb. 17. Visitors enjoy Hayes Home Holidays tours from Friday, Dec. 20 - Sunday, Dec. 22.

Trolley rides offered Presidents' Day weekend

South Creek Clydesdales will offer horse-drawn trolley rides through Spiegel Grove on Presidents' Day weekend, Saturday, Feb. 15, through Monday, Feb. 17. Rides are from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$4.50 per person ages 3 and older and free for kids 2 and younger. Rides are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations are taken. The trolley can seat 16-18 people. If the windchill is zero or below or there are thunderstorms, the rides will be canceled. For updates, visit rbhayes.org.

Celebrate Presidents' Day with afternoon of activities

Celebrate Presidents' Day, which is Monday, Feb. 17, with an afternoon of family friendly activities the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. Kids' activities, a behind-the-scenes mini-tour of the original library staircase area, hands-on artifact activities, presidential snacks and more will be offered. On Monday, Feb. 17, admission to the Hayes Home and museum is free to all visitors. Events that day, with the exception of the trolley rides, are also free. The schedule:

- **Noon – 5 p.m.** – The Hayes Home and museum are open. The first tour of the home is at 1 p.m., and the last tour is at 4 p.m. The research library is closed for the holiday. A photo station where visitors can snap a photo of themselves will be available in the museum auditorium.
- **12:30 p.m.** – 5 p.m. – Kids activities, such as making a campaign ribbon, and some of the presidents' favorite snacks will be available in the auditorium.
- **12:30 p.m.** – 3:30 p.m. – Kids can win a free horse-drawn trolley ride by answering a presidential trivia question on a Jeopardy! board. Questions will be posted at rbhayes.org, and kids can research them and bring the answers.
- **12:45 p.m.** – Hands-on artifact activity in the museum
- **1-4 p.m.** – Horse-drawn trolley rides through Spiegel Grove. Tickets are \$4.50 per person ages 3 and older and free for kids 2 and younger.
- **1:30 p.m.** – Story time in the auditorium
- **2:15 p.m.** – Behind-the-scenes mini tour of the original library staircase area, which is no longer open to the public
- **2:30 p.m.** – Story time in the auditorium
- **2:45 p.m.** – Hands-on artifact activity in the museum
- **3:30 p.m.** – Gallery talk in the Campaign Gallery of the museum
- **3:30 p.m.** – Story time

Special exhibit "Ohio: An Unnatural History"

A monster that appeared to be half-man and half-dog wielding a 2-by-4 terrorized a small Northwest Ohio town during the summer of 1972. A giant frogman with leathery skin and webbed hands and feet was spotted in various areas of Loveland, Ohio, over the years. Grassman, known in other parts of the country as Bigfoot or Sasquatch, continues to be sighted in parts of Ohio.

None of these creatures has been proven to exist. Yet people have believed in them and reported seeing some of them for generations. Where do these stories originate? What about them captures the public's imagination? These are some of the questions that will be answered in the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums' upcoming special exhibit "Ohio: An Unnatural History." This exhibit will focus on myths and legends from Ohio and feature the artwork of Dan Chudzinski, curator of the Mazza Museum at the University of Findlay and artist who has consulted on movies and other projects.

The exhibit will open to Hayes Presidential members during a members-only reception on Thursday, Feb. 27. Members will receive an invitation through U.S. mail. The exhibit opens to the public on Friday, Feb. 28, and will remain on display through Sunday, Nov. 1. Members are admitted for free. For non-members, access to the exhibit is included with regular admission.

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Welcome, December new members!

Margaret Hayes Clark of Rosemead, CA; Dr. Jacquelyn Cuneen of Bowling Green, OH; M/M Charles Cuthbert, Jr. of Petersburg, VA; Jon & Melissa Detwiler of Fremont, OH; Daniel Gehling of Ottawa Hills, OH; Allen & Michele Halfhill of Bradner, OH; M/M Samuel A. Havens of Fremont, OH; Dr. James Hawke of Perrysburg, OH; Mr. James Homan of Clyde, OH; Thomas E. Linder of Fremont, OH; Patricia McNichols of Ottawa Hills, OH; James & Kathy Oliver of Republic, OH; Keith & Rachel Simpson of Holland, OH; Don Wedding of Toledo, OH; Richard Wyka of Fremont, OH

Hayes Presidential closed on winter Mondays

All facilities at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums are closed on Mondays in January, February and March, with the exception of Presidents' Day, which is Monday, Feb. 17. Monday hours will resume in April.

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

Volunteer Opportunities

Mailing Volunteers – Volunteers are needed to help with our next mailing of The Statesman/Annual Report from 9:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Feb. 13. Most of the work is done while seated, but we'll also need help with moving the filled mail trays. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Please contact Joan Eckermann if you can help.

History Day Judges and Room Monitors – We still need judges, room monitors and building guides for National History Day in Ohio for Region 2 schools on Saturday, March 7, at Terra State Community College. Please contact Joan Eardly, education coordinator, at 419-332-2081, ext. 246, or jeardly@rbhayes.org if you would like to help. For the event schedule and other information, go to the Region 2 website at www.oh-rthplm.nhd.org.

Thank you for your volunteer hours last year!

Our volunteers contributed 1,468 hours in October, November and December. The grand total for 2019 is 4,662 hours from 125 rostered active volunteers. Thank you for donating your time, talents and skills!

Volunteer Birthdays

Happy birthday to our volunteers who are celebrating birthdays in February! Best wishes to Michael Arnold, Leslie Brewer, John Hoffman, Sharon Mader, Barb Stout and Dr. Regina Vincent-Williams.