



The Billet

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Photos, from left: Kids participate in the hands-on artifact activity on Presidents' Day on Monday, Feb. 17. People were lined up out the front door to visit the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums on Presidents' Day. Hayes Presidential members enjoy the special exhibit "Ohio: An Unnatural History" during the exhibit-opening reception on Thursday, Feb. 27.

Behind Enemy Lines: An Escape Room Experience

Assemble your troops and join Lt. Col. Webb C. Hayes as you descend on Vigan Island during the Philippine Insurrection at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums' next escape room. The escape room will be offered at 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, through Saturday, March 28.



Tickets are \$20 for Hayes Presidential members and \$25 for non-members. They can be purchased online at rbhayes.org/events. Advance tickets are recommended. Tickets also will be sold the days of the event at the museum front desk, pending availability.

Webb Hayes was President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes' second son and the founder of the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. This escape room is based on his military experience.

During the escape room, participants will be under orders to form a search party to locate a group of U.S. soldiers imprisoned at an unknown location on the island. Sources from the 31st Infantry have confirmed that a clue trail was scattered around the site to aid in the search. Enemy forces are stationed throughout the island, so participants must move quickly to avoid detection. The success of this mission will determine the fate of their comrades. **The escape room is sponsored by KF Construction & Excavating, LLC.**

'Finding Her Voice' Book Club to discuss "Hello Girls"

The "Finding Her Voice" book club will have its final meeting of the program from noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18. The club will discuss "The Hello Girls" by Elizabeth Cobbs. This book shares the story of the first official U.S. Army female officers, who worked for the U.S. Army Signal Corps in France during World War I. They joined the army at the same time suffragettes were lobbying for the right to vote. Joan Eardly, education coordinator, leads this discussion.



The book club is part of the Hayes Presidential's "Finding Her Voice" program. This special program runs in conjunction with the centennial of women's suffrage and includes a special exhibit in the museum, the book club and other programs celebrating women's history. "Finding Her Voice" is sponsored by title sponsor the Reed Fund of The Toledo Community Foundation and major sponsors The Randolph J. & Estelle M. Dorn Foundation and ProMedica Memorial Hospital. "Finding Her Voice" is made possible in part by Ohio Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Legends of the giants talk by historian Mike Gilbert

For centuries, legends have persisted that giants once walked the earth. Local historian Mike Gilbert has researched these stories and will share his findings during a program on Sunday, March 22, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. Gilbert's talk on legends of the giants begins at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the museum/library building.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased online at rbhayes.org/events or by calling Jacque Baker, reservations coordinator, at 419-332-2081, ext. 238. Tickets will also be sold at the museum front desk the day of the event, pending availability.

During this program, Gilbert will explore biblical texts and historical records to share how stories of the giants originated. The talk is a companion program to the special exhibit "Ohio: An Unnatural History," which profiles the legends of the Lake Erie sea monster, Dogman of Defiance, Loveland Frog and other creatures from Ohio folklore.

Learn to start a family history at genealogy class

Learn how to get started on tracing your family history with a beginning genealogy class on Saturday, March 28, at Hayes Presidential. Head Librarian John Ransom and Librarian Pat Breno will teach participants the basics of starting a family history and how to use the resources available at the Hayes Presidential Library. The class is from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person and can be paid online at rbhayes.org/events or the day of class. Please register online or to John Ransom at 419-332-2081 or jransom@rbhayes.org. **Genealogy classes are sponsored by RootsMagic, Inc.**



Welcome, January new members!

Paul & Amanda Borer of Fremont, OH; Anthony A. & Cathy Chudzinski of Fremont, OH; John & Joyce Clarke of Fremont, OH; Paul & Lynn Gibbs of Oregon, OH; Sarah Gruarin of Luckey, OH; Gloria Heise of Luckey, OH; Denise Hofelich-Rogalinski of Fremont, OH; James & Betty Lochotzki of Oak Harbor, OH; Travis & Abigaill Magoto of Fremont, OH; Kim Michalak of Manlius, NY; Jim & Barb Parkhurst of Fremont, OH; Sean Rizor of Woodville, OH; Tim & Sue Strelbel of Fremont, OH; Jonathan Swarts of South Bend, IN; Clinton & Ronda White of Millbury, OH

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 a large membership mailing from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, March 18. This will involve stuffing and sealing envelopes. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

Easter Egg Roll – Join in on the Easter fun from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11. Volunteers are needed to hand out balloons, help with craft projects, do face painting (we need lots of help with that) and more. Please contact Joan Eckermann if you can help with these activities.

We Need Your Volunteer Hours! - Please turn in your volunteer hours for January, February and March by Thursday, April 2. You can either enter them in the binders placed throughout the museum or email them to Joan. Thank you!

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.