Experience what life was like for President Rutherford B. Hayes’ Civil War regiment while it camped for the winter with events taking place Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

During Kids Days @ Hayes, kids can participate in Civil War camp life, learn to march with reenactors and receive a diary to write down their experiences, just as President Rutherford B. Hayes did when he was in the war.

In the afternoon, Civil War reenactors will give free infantry demonstrations on the Hayes Presidential grounds, called Spiegel Grove. They also will offer afternoon and evening tours of a Civil War winter camp based on the winter camps of President Hayes’ regiment, the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Tours require purchasing tickets.

Between battles, troops often spent time marching and preparing to fight. During the winter months, they would make a semi-permanent camp to await warmer weather and combat.

Hayes’ regiment spent its winters camping in what is today West Virginia. First Lady Lucy Hayes and the Hayes children often visited the camps, where Lucy would tend to soldiers, mend their...
Innovation is a sign of a healthy organization, and we have been doing a lot of innovating, the result of which is a slate of new programs this summer and fall. Some are fun, some are thought-provoking.

All are creatively designed and implemented and bear the quality hallmark typical of Spiegel Grove staff! We are fresh off the tremendous success of “Craft Brews, Cocktails and Crusaders,” an event that connected to our “Demon Rum & Cold Water: The Two Sides of Temperance” rotating exhibit. Local brews along with 19th century cocktails, live music, costumed Temperance crusaders (with whom many guests enjoyed having their pictures taken!) combined with the beautiful grounds of Spiegel Grove made for a truly fun event.

We even learned that a couple of the attendees had been dedicated as “white ribbon babies,” meaning their parents ceremonially pledged that they would never consume alcohol. It was fascinating to learn about this type of activity! While we had intended for this to be a one-time event, the comments from those who attended were so positive that we intend to do the event next year.

Coming up this fall, we have even more innovative events, including two brand new programs – a Civil War “Winter Camp” and a book signing event with popular culture and history author Sarah Vowell (who also voices Violet Parr in “The Incredibles” movies).

And we continue to add unique elements to events we introduced last year, such as Hayes Home Holidays. Read on for more information about these amazing, one-of-a-kind events!

Christie Weininger
Executive Director

During Craft Beers, Cocktails and Crusaders, visitors enjoyed live music, craft beer, cocktails made from 19th-century recipes and living history reenactors portraying temperance advocates.

Library donation helps with genealogy research

The Toledo Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants of Ohio recently donated two books to the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library that will help patrons with genealogy research.

The colony donated “Silver Book, Volume 23, Parts 2 and 3,” which trace the lineage of pilgrim John Billington, who came to America aboard the English ship “Mayflower.”

The “Silver Books” are a set of volumes that detail the pilgrims aboard the “Mayflower” and their descendants for several generations. There are an estimated 10 million people living in the United States that are descendants of the people who came here on the Mayflower in 1620, said John Ransom, Hayes Presidential Library head librarian.

“These books are a vast source of information for genealogists because they document the ‘Mayflower’ descents, both male and female, using primary sources whenever possible up to about the time of the Revolutionary War,” Ransom said.

With this donation, the Hayes Presidential Library now has 37 volumes of the “Silver Books.” They are published by the General Society Mayflower Descendants at the national headquarters in Plymouth, Massachusetts.
The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums has hired the former director of Heidelberg University’s annual giving program as its new director of development.

Sue Berryman leads the Hayes Presidential’s fundraising efforts, which include grant writing, seeking donations, sponsorships, the annual Gateway to the Future appeal and planned gifts. She began working in the position in July.

“I love talking and meeting with people,” said Berryman, of Fremont. “This place is just phenomenal. The history is amazing. I’m amazed at the community support and involvement here.”

At Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Berryman directed the university’s $1 million annual fund and organized alumni and donor recognition events and receptions, the university’s endowment and stewardship program and assisted with major gift planning.

Before working at Heidelberg, she was the associate director of development at St. Joseph Central Catholic High School in Fremont from 2004 to 2012.

“This position at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums was the next logical step in my career,” she said. “It was also an opportunity to work in Fremont again.”

She has an associate’s degree in banking and finance from Terra State Community College.

“I believe Sue is going to do amazing things here at Spiegel Grove and for our community,” said Christie Weininger, Hayes Presidential executive director. “The week before she was officially on the job, she attended an exhibit opening as a guest. We needed an extra pair of hands and she just jumped in and started helping out. That says a lot about her.”

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individuals to sponsor school groups and help them with the costs of busing and visiting the Hayes Presidential.

“Your support of the first presidential library will help preserve its history and educate generations to come,” said Jon Detwiler, Fremont City Schools superintendent. “Among other items, this year’s campaign will support classroom enrichment for students visiting the museums on a field trip and two new exhibits.”

The educational aspects of the Hayes Presidential’s mission and goals for Gateway to the Future are among the reasons Detwiler and John Hayes chose to be co-chairmen of the annual fundraising campaign.

The goal is to raise $120,000 by June 30.

Donations through this annual campaign would fund a variety of programs, including:

- Replacing the sandstone steps and ramp at the back of the Hayes Home. Staff use these steps and ramp, which are deteriorating, daily. Visitors who take the Backstairs Tour of the home, volunteers and many others also use these steps and ramp.
- Providing educational programming related to the nature of Spiegel Grove and the more than 1,700 trees on the property.
- Repairing and replacing the Hayes Home Lantern, the exterior of the widow’s walk area that offers a 360-degree view of Spiegel Grove. Due to its height and architecture, it is a difficult area to fix and paint.
- Special exhibit “The Press & The Presidency.” It is not just a modern occurrence that the press has played a role in American politics. Since George Washington, presidents have had to respond to negative press and use some media to their advantage. This exhibit will investigate how the press and presidency have coexisted throughout American history.
- Special exhibit “Myths and Urban Legends.” Myths and legends are how people have tried to understand the unknown. This exhibit will profile legendary creatures and spooky tales from across Ohio and look at the role of folklore in our culture.

“Thank you to our donors and members who make an annual gift to Gateway,” said Sue Berryman, director of development. “Because of their generosity, we continue to provide outstanding programming and exhibits maintain our museums and library and welcome children from Northwest Ohio on field trips.

Gateway to the Future started in 2009 to make up for cuts in Hayes Presidential’s state funding.

“We are not back to the state funding we received before 2009, but we are becoming self-reliant by our fundraising efforts,” Berryman said.
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White House gates restored to presidential condition

For eight years, Col. Webb Cook Hayes fought to bring six sets of gates that once stood at the White House to Spiegel Grove.

Webb, the second son of President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes and founder of the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, went back and forth with Congress to secure the gates. Some feature an eagle medallion, and some feature a “US” emblem.

They finally arrived at Spiegel Grove in 1928, and they have been standing at the entrances to the property ever since. When visitors arrive at the Grove, they drive into the property through two of the majestic gates.

Over the years, the paint on each set of gates began to chip, and the gates began to rust. They were in need of some repair and repainting.

Thanks to the support of donors to the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, the gates were cleaned, sanded and painted. The work was completed in August.

“First impressions are important, and the White House gates are the first thing our visitors see when they enter Spiegel Grove,” said Sue Berryman, Hayes Presidential director of development. “We are so grateful to our donors that helped fund the restoration and allowed us to honor Webb’s dream.”

The White House gates give a presidential welcome to visitors driving or walking into Spiegel Grove. The restoration of these artifacts was completed last summer.

President Hayes related to Bushes, British prime minister

President Rutherford B. Hayes is a distant relative of fellow U.S. Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, according to recent genealogy research completed by a Hayes family member and confirmed by the Hayes Presidential Library.

President Hayes also is distantly related to British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Hayes family member Theo Hayes completed the family history, and Head Librarian John Ransom verified its accuracy.

“It is unique to have a former president related to not only two U.S. presidents but also a foreign leader that is currently in power,” said Ransom. “Genealogy can hold surprises. You never know what you will find.”
People we meet along the way

As I begin my first months as the curator of manuscripts, I would like to begin by thanking Nan Card for her unwavering support and guidance over the past eight years as she prepared me to succeed her. I couldn’t have asked for a better mentor. One of the first things that Nan impressed upon me was the importance of establishing relationships; whether it be a researcher, donor, intern or visitor. It has been through relationships cultivated by Nan that the manuscripts department has experienced some of its greatest achievements. As I considered what to share in this fall issue of the Statesman, I realized my mind kept going back to all the individuals I have had the opportunity to meet while working in this department.

Joe Eberly and Jim Morley, veterans’ oral history participants; Sandra Best, manuscripts volunteer; Mike Gilbert, program presenter and Dave Ziemke, researcher...these are just a few among a list that wouldn’t even come close to fitting on this page. I look forward to each and every conversation, lunch date, phone call, project and field trip with the people who comprise this ever-growing list.

A major goal of the manuscripts department is to make our collections accessible to researchers. One of the ways that we do this is by providing a variety of programs throughout the year. History Roundtable, Retro Roundtable and the Frohman STEM Series wouldn’t be possible without the generosity of our sponsors. It is an added bonus when we are able to meet sponsors in person and they are able to attend these programs. I am extremely grateful that they continue to see the value of these programs that highlight manuscript material.

I look forward to sharing with you updates on exciting things to come in the manuscripts department. Here is to meeting more people along the way!

New collection shows Civil War through local soldier’s view

Thomas Kellogg was 18 when he left Woodville, Ohio, to join the Union Army in the Civil War.

Sparked in part by their father’s strong opposition to the South leaving the Union, Thomas and his brother, Collin, enlisted in the 68th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

The regiment was sent to the South, and the brothers fought in the Siege of Vicksburg, a Union Victory on July 4, 1863. Hundreds of Confederate soldiers who were taken prisoner, and Thomas, who became a sergeant, interacted with many of them.

“Nearly all of them seemed to be tired of the war,” Thomas wrote in a letter home. “(Some) declared they were done fighting and ready to take the oath (to the Union). There were a great many Mississippians and border state men among them.”

His letters are part of a new collection the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ manuscript department acquired last summer.

The collection includes 80 letters he wrote to family and friends back home in Woodville, a small town west of Fremont.

“Civil War correspondence such as these are extremely valuable in helping to provide a more complete and detailed account of soldiers’ experiences during this era,” said Julie Mayle, curator of manuscripts.

Thomas Kellogg was 21 when he died of consumption at Vicksburg, Mississippi, in 1864. Collin survived the war.
Best-selling author to sign books at Hayes Presidential, speak at BGSU

A best-selling author of books about American history and culture will have a book-signing reception at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums and then speak at Bowling Green State University on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Sarah Vowell is author of “Lafayette and the Somewhat United States,” “Assassination Vacation” and other non-fiction books that offer personal and often-humorous examinations of the connections between the American past and present.

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums is bringing her to Fremont and BGSU as part of its “Finding Her Voice” program, which offers exhibits and events focusing on women’s history during 2019 and 2020.

Vowell will sign copies of her books during a reception at noon at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. Light refreshments will be served. The reception is limited to 50 people. Reservations are free but required. They can be made online at rbhayes.org/events. Some of Vowell’s titles will be available for purchase in the Museum Store.

Then at 4 p.m., Vowell will have a public conversation at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater at BGSU with Christie Weininger, Hayes Presidential executive director, followed by a question-and-answer-session with attendees.

Students receive free admission to the event. Tickets are required for non-students and cost $15. Tickets are available at rbhayes.org/events.

After the discussion, Vowell will sign copies of her books at 5:30 p.m. The book-signing is also open to the public.

“Finding Her Voice” is sponsored by title sponsor The Reed Fund of 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.

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uniforms and provide needed support.

Hayes Presidential is building huts like those used in winter camp at the back of the Spiegel Grove for this event.

“This is extremely unique,” said Mike Fahle, a seasoned Civil War reenactor helping to organize this event. “Winter camp plays such an important role in the story of the Hayes family.”

Also in the evening, a Civil War themed Escape Room will be offered in the museum. The schedule for the day, event descriptions and pricing are as follows:

- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Kids Days @ Hayes. Kids can participate in military drills and camp life. Those with advance tickets will receive a diary to document their experiences, just as President Hayes kept a journal of his life. Cost is $3 for kids and grandkids of Hayes Presidential members at the major level and higher and $5 for non-member kids. Tickets are available at rbhayes.org/events.
- 12:30 – 1 p.m. – Civil War reenactors will give an infantry demonstration on the grounds. Free.
- 1 – 4 p.m. – Tours of the Civil War Winter Camp will take place every half hour. Cost is $8 for Hayes Presidential members and $10 for non-members and can be purchased online at rbhayes.org/events. Tickets also will be sold the day of the event at the museum front desk, subject to availability.
- 4 p.m. – Civil War reenactors will give an infantry demonstration on the grounds. Free.
- 6 – 8:30 p.m. – Tours of the Civil War Escape Room will take place every half hour. Evening tours will be by candlelight. Cost is $8 for Hayes Presidential members and $10 for non-members and can be purchased online at rbhayes.org/events. Tickets also will be sold the day of the event at the museum front desk, subject to availability.
- 5, 6:15, 7:30 – Civil War Escape Room - Bring your friends and solve a Civil War riddle to escape from historic rooms in the Hayes Museum. You are a Civil War soldier in the 72nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry mustered from Sandusky County. During the embarrassing defeat your unit experienced at the Battle of Shiloh, the Rebels captured your regiment’s banner and have taken it back to their camp. This humiliation cannot stand! You and your team have orders to proceed into the Confederate camp under the cover of darkness, scout out whatever clues you can find regarding the flag’s location and retrieve it. You should have one hour to complete your mission before the Rebel garrison becomes aware of your presence. Complete the mission, and you will safely escape with your flag. Up to 10 participants at each time slot will have an hour to solve puzzles hidden throughout a museum gallery. Smaller groups may be combined into a team of 10. Tickets are $20 for Hayes Presidential members and $25 for non-members. They can be purchased online at rbhayes.org/events.

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Celebrate fall with free family activities, a campfire with s’mores, paid lantern walks with frightening ghostly tales and more during two different events on Friday, Nov. 1, at Spiegel Grove.

A free family fun night is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Spiegel Grove, the grounds of the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. Pumpkin decorating, face-painting, games for kids and a camp fire with smores and other refreshments will be available.

Eschleman Fruit Farm of Clyde will sell apples and cider. Donations can be made for other refreshments provided by the Hayes Presidential.

South Creek Clydesdales also will offer horse-drawn trolley rides for $3 per rider, ages 3 and older, and free for riders 2 and younger. Cash only is accepted for trolley rides.

Then at 7:30 p.m., Spirit Stories of Spiegel Grove begins. Those with paid tickets will have a frightful night with a lantern walk through Spiegel Grove while guides share Ohio and regional ghost stories. Face your fears as frightening tales will be told beneath the nighttime sky while walking through the wooded grounds.

Before or after your tour, enjoy s’mores and refreshments by the camp fire, take a trolley ride and visit two tents featuring Hayes Presidential staff members discussing spooky stories and traditions.

In one tent, a staff member will discuss the macabre traditions of the Victorian era, which was the time period when President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes were in the White House and later lived at Spiegel Grove. Victorians, the “rock stars of death culture,” sometimes took pictures of the dead, conducted séances and participated in other practices that might seem creepy today.

In another tent, a staff member will discuss stories of monsters and beasts that come from myths and legends. Hear stories of Bigfoot, Lake Erie’s South Bass Bessie, the Dogman of Defiance and more. This talk will give a preview of some of the stories that will be covered in Hayes Presidential’s upcoming exhibit “Myths and Legends,” which will open in 2020.

Tickets for Spirit Stories at Spiegel Grove are $10 for Hayes Presidential members and $15 for non-members. Refreshments, including popcorn and s’mores, are included. Tickets are available at rbhayes.org/events.

Horse-drawn trolley rides by South Creek Clydesdales also will be offered for an additional $3 cash fee during the event.

Horse-drawn trolley rides and a camp fire will be available from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Lantern tours depart at 7:30, 8, 8:30 and 9 p.m.

The evening will conclude with one last scary story by local historian Mike Gilbert at the camp fire.

Advance tickets are strongly recommended and can be purchased online at www.rbhayes.org/events or by calling Jacque Baker at 419-332-2081, ext. 238.

Tickets will be sold on-site the night of the event subject to availability.

In the event of inclement weather, some events will be moved into the museum.

The family fun night and Spirit Stories at Spiegel Grove are sponsored by KF Construction.
Celebrate the holiday season and make Christmas memories with a variety of yuletide events at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

The “Hayes Train Special,” model train display, a Christmas tradition at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, opens Friday, Nov. 29.

This operating model train display runs through an intricate Victorian holiday scene. Interactive buttons allow visitors to control aspects of the trains’ movements along the winding, multi-tiered, 12x24-foot layout.

Access to the Hayes Train Special is included with regular admission. Hayes Presidential members are admitted for free. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday with the exception of holiday hours and closings.

The “Hayes Train Special” is sponsored by Croghan Colonial Bank and the Gordon W. Knight Family.

Tour the historic Hayes Home in the evening, a rarely offered experience, and learn about the holiday traditions of President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes, as well as their descendants, who lived in the Hayes Home until 1965, during Hayes Home Holidays.

This special holiday event returns for its second year and will be offered from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20; Saturday, Dec. 21; and Sunday, Dec. 22.

This year, the tours include stories of the later generations and eras of the Hayes family who lived in the home and some different rooms, including parts of the second floor, than were featured last year.

Costumed greeters will welcome guests into the home, which will be minimally decorated for Christmas similarly to how the different generations of the Hayes family kept the home at the holidays.

The event includes viewing of the “Hayes Train Special” model train display in the museum; hands-on activities in the tradition of presidential Christmas celebrations, such as an indoor snowball fight like the one White House guests enjoyed during President Andrew Jackson’s administration; and light refreshments.

Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made online at rbhayes.org/events or by contacting Reservations Coordinator Jacque Baker at 419-332-2081, ext. 238. Tickets will be sold the days of the event at the museum front desk subject to availability.

Tickets are $20 for adult Hayes Presidential Library & Museums members, $25 for adult non-members, $8 for members ages 6-18, $10 for non-members ages 6-18 and free for kids 5 and younger (members and non-members.)

The minimal Christmas decorations in the Hayes Home during the 2018 Hayes Home Holidays tours.

Costumed greeters welcome guests into the Hayes Home during the 2018 Hayes Home Holidays tours.

Sleigh rides will take place whether or not there is snow. President Hayes enjoyed riding through Spiegel Grove by horse-drawn sleigh.

Visitors of all ages can press the interactive buttons on the “Hayes Train Special” to move the trains, lower crossing gates and more.

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Home will remain on display through Sunday, Jan. 5, and can be viewed on standard tours of the Hayes Home that take place during the day.

After Christmas, take a sleigh ride through Spiegel Grove, just as President Hayes did when he lived there.

South Creek Clydesdales will offer horse-drawn sleigh and trolley rides from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26 – Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Cost for the sleigh is $5.50 per rider ages 3 and older and free for riders 2 and younger. Cost for the trolley is $4.50 per person ages 3 and older and free for ages 2 and younger.

Tickets can be purchased in the museum and library building on the days rides are offered. Rides are given on a first-come, first-served basis. Up to 400 people can be accommodated each day. No reservations are taken.

The trolley, which can hold 16-18 people, could be used in addition to or in place of the sleigh, which holds four people, depending on demand and South Creek Clydesdales’ staff availability.

Rides will be offered whether or not there is snow. However, if the wind chill is zero or below zero or there are thunderstorms, rides will be canceled. For updates, visit rbhayes.org and the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ social media pages.

Sleigh rides were one of President Hayes’ favorite activities. He often rode in a horse-drawn sleigh and noted his excursions and how much he enjoyed them in his diaries, which are kept in the Hayes Presidential Library.

To wrap up the holiday season, bring your model train for some attention from train hobbyists to the Model Train Clinic from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4.

They’ll assist you with advice related to model train maintenance and repair, as well as estimate the value of older model trains. The clinic is included with discounted adult museum-only admission of $10 on Saturday, Jan. 4 or with a site pass that includes the museum and Hayes Home. The discounted adult museum-only admission is available all day on Jan. 4. Hayes Presidential members are admitted for free.

Kids 6-12 are admitted for $5, which includes access to the museum and to tour the home. Kids 5 and younger are admitted for free.

Those who bring trains also can run their trains on the “Hayes Train Special” track. The track fits standard, O-gauge and G-gauge trains.

In the event of inclement weather, the clinic will be canceled.

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**Music in the Parlor performance has women’s history theme**

In celebration of women’s history and the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage, Music in the Parlor will feature two female singers performing songs from significant eras in women’s history on Sunday, Oct. 20, in the historic Hayes Home.

Kyleigh Lash and Joan Eckermann will sing songs from the late 19th century through the 1940s to coincide with the eras of the women featured in the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums’ “Women of Spiegel Grove” exhibit and “Finding Her Voice” program. They will be accompanied by pianist Dennis Pita.

The concert is from 4 to 5 p.m. in the large parlor of the Hayes Home, which is the same area where President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes entertained guests.

Reservations are required and cost $12. Reservations can be made by calling Jacque Baker, reservations coordinator, at 419-332-2081, ext. 238, or online at rbhayes.org/events.

Lash is the program and events coordinator at the Chamber of Commerce of Sandusky County. She is a graduate of Terra State Community College with an associate’s degree in hospitality management.

Eckermann is the special events and volunteer coordinator and weekend manager at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. She has a bachelor’s degree in music education and a master’s degree in vocal performance from Bowling Green State University. In addition to her work at Hayes Presidential, she has been an adjunct professor of voice at Terra State Community College since 2005.

Pita, originally from Rhode Island, is the director of choral music at Fremont Ross High School. He also taught in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He has a bachelor’s degree in music from Berklee College of Music in Boston and a master’s degree in education from University of Findlay.
Stewart D. McLaurin, president of The White House Historical Association, visited the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums on July 31.

Staff members enjoyed showing him the permanent and special exhibits, a behind-the-scenes look at the manuscript collections and the Hayes Home. McLaurin loved Spiegel Grove.

"My role involves looking at the men and women of the White House in their years as presidents and first ladies," he said. "To come to the community, to see the place where they lived and to learn about their family, to me it just enriches them as people and as Americans beyond being president and first lady."

Pictured, clockwise from top left: Kevin Moore, associate curator of artifacts, shows McLaurin the "Demon Rum & Cold Water" special exhibit. McLaurin and Christie Weininger tour the "Life in the White House Gallery." Julie Mayle, curator of manuscripts, shows McLaurin the White House Social Register from the Hayes Administration.