Just days after Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the Republican nomination for president in the 1876 election, he wrote a letter of thanks to the editor of the Western Associated Press.

“I am grateful to you...in this matter, take it all in all, is beyond that of any other friend...how much you did to (secure the nomination) I shall perhaps never know, but I know it was very potent,” Hayes wrote to the editor, who was his friend, William Henry Smith.

Smith had used his position to help Hayes receive positive coverage over the wire service that sent stories favorable to Hayes to newspapers throughout the Midwest and West. Smith would continue to use his influence to help Hayes throughout the presidential campaign.

Hayes' dealings with Smith are just one example of how the press has played a role in American politics and the presidency throughout U.S. history.

The next special exhibit at the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums will examine this relationship between the president and the press and how presidents used media to their advantage. Since George Washington, presidents have responded to negative press and used some media to their advantage.

After being closed for three months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums reopened its facilities to the public in June for three days a week with enhanced safety, cleaning and disinfecting procedures.

The Hayes Home, museum and research library are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Hours for high-risk visitors are from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays.

Hayes Presidential temporarily closed to the public on Saturday, March 14, for the health and safety of visitors, volunteers, staff and the general public. The Spiegel Grove grounds closed for a few weeks and reopened to the public on May 1.

The health and safety of its visitors, volunteers and staff have always been of utmost importance to Hayes Presidential. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, Hayes Presidential has increased cleaning and disinfecting procedures. Staff have implemented additional procedures for the safety of visitors, including more cleaning and disinfecting, a smaller maximum capacity of people, sneeze guards at the front desk and Museum Store and physical-distancing measures.

Staff clean and disinfect the museum multiple times a day.

A family visits the Hayes Museum on June 23, 2020, the day the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums reopened to the public after being closed for 3 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hayes Presidential reopened to members first on Tuesday, June 16, 2020.
It is with a great deal of gratitude that I introduce this issue of The Statesman.

We weren’t sure until recently that there would even be a summer Statesman! The museum, library and home were closed to the public for three months; even Spiegel Grove itself was closed to walkers for a few weeks.

We have had to cancel or modify all of our events, sometimes developing two or three alternative plans for the same event, not knowing which one would actually work out.

While this was distressing, I was so inspired by the staff, our board of trustees and our loyal members and donors. It is in the midst of crisis that a person’s true character emerges. I’m proud to say that I work with a lot of outstanding characters!

I am grateful for each of our dedicated board members who checked in on us often with encouragement and helpful suggestions, especially our proactive executive committee who immediately got to work on assessing our financial health and developing plans to ensure we would be okay.

I was wowed by staff who put in extra energy and brain power in the days prior to the anticipated site closure to make sure we had enough online content to last until we could reopen our doors.

Their creativity in morphing random bits of digital material into such high-quality programs on short notice was amazing to behold. Also impressive were the staff who scrambled to insure the functionality of tech systems we would rely on to work from home, security protocols so the site would remain safe while closed and the reconfiguration of other standard procedures we had heretofore taken for granted, and which we would need to rethink in order to keep as many of our operations continuing as possible.

We have now reopened to the public, which feels great. It is wonderful to see again our regular visitors and volunteers, as well as the new faces traveling to us from other parts of the country.

However, as I write this, 26 of our 42 staff members are on furlough. I am so appreciative of my colleagues who have picked up extra projects, are monitoring extra email accounts, and are going the extra mile to ensure we are still serving the public and meeting our mission.

I am also thankful for the sacrifice made by those who are currently on furlough or who, because of the nature of their work, were unable to carry out their jobs while we were closed.

These hardworking folks are incredibly passionate about their work. They are the kind of people who are ready to step up at a moment’s notice. To ask them to stand down has been difficult.

Another group of people who humbled and inspired me was YOU, our friends, members and donors! We put out calls for help as we saw our revenue streams come to a screeching halt, and you were there for us when we needed you most.

Your notes of reassurance and good wishes sent with financial contributions or posted on our social media kept us going, and still keep us going, actually!

I can barely put into words what your support has meant to us. We are well aware that many of the businesses you work for or operate are hurting, too. Your generosity has been a source of hope for all of us here at Spiegel Grove.

To each of you, I give my heartfelt thanks.

Christie Weininger
Executive Director

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through the years, from Washington to Donald Trump, have interacted with the media.

“The Press & The Presidency” opens to the public on Friday, Sept. 11, in the Hayes Museum large rotating exhibit gallery.

“It is impossible to escape the role that media and social networks play in shaping opinions about the presidency today,” said Dustin McLochlin, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums historian. “While the depth and frequency of communication has increased in recent years, the relationship that the presidency has had with the press is a timeless topic.”

The exhibit will use Hayes as an example of how a 19th-century president who operated in a time before radio, television or the internet dealt with many of the pressures that presidents have endured since the creation of the office.

Likewise, it will explore how the press has covered the presidency whether through positive or negative coverage.

“Our hope is that this exhibit will provide context for the modern observer to understand how today’s struggles are both unique and yet common,” McLochlin said.

Access to the exhibit is included with regular admission. Members are admitted for free.

The title sponsor for this exhibit is Randolph J. & Estelle M. Dorn Foundation. Partial funding by the City of Fremont.

This program is made possible in part by Ohio Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed by this exhibition do not necessarily reflect those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.
History Roundtable to cover black swamp, lost towns, press and presidency, ghost stories, more

The Great Black Swamp, lost towns of Northwest Ohio, Ohio ghost stories, presidents and their relationship with the media and more will be explored this fall during History Roundtable with Mike Gilbert.

Gilbert, a retired teacher and local historian, shares his historical research and findings during these six sessions on Saturdays in September and October. Sessions are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the museum auditorium. It is possible this program will be made online-only. For updates, visit rbhayes.org.

Admission is $5 per session or $25 for all six. To better accommodate demand for this popular program, pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. To register and pay, contact Julie Mayle at jmayle@rbhayes.org.

The title sponsor for History Roundtable is an anonymous donor.

The schedule of sessions is:

Saturday, Sept. 12 – Return of the Great Black Swamp - Northwest Ohio was the last section of the swamp to be settled in Ohio. Experience the hardships faced by the early settlers and their attempts to control the environment. This segment will discuss how visible reminders of the swamp exist today and their connection to the past. Session sponsor is Rebecca White.

Saturday, Sept. 19 – Lost towns of Northwest Ohio – Walk back in time as Gilbert explores the lost towns of Northwest Ohio. The rise and fall of many of these localities were based on transportation, employment and location. Discover the circumstances surrounding the success and failure of various locations throughout the area.

Saturday, Sept. 26 – News Media and the American Presidency – The news media has the potential to influence the American presidency in a variety of ways. Through the use of T.V., newspaper, social networks and radio, the media can shape our perception of presidential hopefuls – both winners and losers. This session will focus on some of the more memorable presidential moments in our nation’s history. This session ties in with Hayes Presidential’s special exhibit, “The Press & The Presidency.”

Saturday, Oct. 10 – Native American Burial Grounds and Township Cemeteries – Investigate the known and unknown graveyards of our area. Native American and township cemeteries take center stage in this presentation as the unveiling of hidden burial grounds uncover the rich history buried beneath us.

Saturday, Oct. 17 – A History of Fremont City Schools – Growth of a school system reflects the evolution of a settlement into a successful community, village, town or city. In 2020, Sandusky County celebrates 200 years of education and growth. Celebrate the anniversary with a look at how education has progressed in our community.

Saturday, Oct. 24 – A Road Map of Ohio Ghost Stories – In a continuation of one of his most popular presentations, Gilbert delivers a road map of Ohio’s myths, legend and folklore. New stories concerning Ohio’s ghostly past will both enthrall and thrill those brave enough to appear.

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and regularly wipe down counters and high-touch areas between points of sale at the Museum Store. Touchless hand sanitizer stations have been installed throughout the museum, library and Hayes Home.

Visitors are asked to maintain 6 feet of physical distance between their household group and other visitors. Per Gov. Mike DeWine’s July 22, order, visitors and staff must wear face coverings in all buildings with the exception of those with exceptions to the order.

Manuscripts used for research in the library cannot be disinfected. Instead, they are quarantined for a set period of time and not given to another researcher until end of quarantine.

Additional safety guidelines may be in place when visitors arrive.

Funding for additional cleaning and disinfecting supplies was made possible through a grant from the Sandusky County Communities Foundation. Jerri and Chuck Miller of Fremont also generously donated disposable masks for visitors who need them.

Hayes Home tours consist of one household (visitors will determine what constitutes their household) per tour, with no more than 10 people in a household on a tour.

Hayes Presidential also has made admissions tickets available online to allow for a touchless transaction. Tickets are available at rbhayes.org/visit-us/visitor-information/.
Spiegel Grove named arboretum

With its more than 1,700 trees, Spiegel Grove, the grounds of the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, has been designated as an arboretum.

Spiegel Grove will be listed on a database of the world’s arboreta and gardens, making it easier to find and more visible to those specifically interested in trees and flora and fauna.

“We are so excited to have the beautiful grounds of Spiegel Grove designated as an arboretum,” said Christie Weininger, executive director of Hayes Presidential. “This has been about a year in the works. Our visitors are so passionate about the grounds, as are we. Spiegel Grove is a social place, it’s a serene place. It’s a place to play, sit quietly, or walk your dog.”

The 25-acre site has more than 90 species of trees, some of which date back to President Rutherford B. Hayes’ time on the estate and even earlier. Varieties include chestnut, oak, holly, ginko, various pines and more. A seedling of the Oklahoma City bombing Survivor Tree also has been planted and is thriving on the property.

“This a great way to recognize one of our unique assets,” Weininger said. “Now that we have the designation, our plan is to create more nature related programming for students and the general public.”

President Hayes and First Lady Lucy Hayes loved nature and planted trees around the grove. They named trees on the property after distinguished people and would have ceremonies where the person being honored would place his hands on the tree. The couple’s children continued the tradition.

Hayes Presidential was recently awarded the level 1 accreditation by The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and The Morton Arboretum for achieving particular standards of professional practices deemed important for arboreta and botanic gardens. Level 1 arboreta have fewer than 100 species of trees. Spiegel Grove is close to reaching Level 2 status, which is for 100 and more species.

The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program is the only global initiative to officially recognize arboreta at various levels of development, capacity and professionalism. Hayes Presidential is also now recognized as an accredited arboretum in the Morton Register of Arboreta, a database of the world’s arboreta and gardens dedicated to woody plants.

With is numerous trees and plants, Spiegel Grove has been named an arboretum, adding to its appeal among nature enthusiasts.

‘Ohio: An Unnatural History’ exhibit extended into 2021

The special exhibit “Ohio: An Unnatural History” has been extended through Halloween 2021.

The exhibit shares Ohio folklore and legends, including creature stories of Mothman, Dogman of Defiance, the Lake Erie monster and more. The exhibit debuted in late February but was only open for a couple weeks before the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums temporarily shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hayes Presidential has extended the exhibit to give visitors more time to enjoy it.

Partial funding for this exhibit is provided by Decker Roofing and Gutter Solutions, Hanneman-Chudzinski-Keller Funeral Home, Walmart-Port Clinton and an anonymous donor.

First Lady Lucy Hayes’ birthday party events

Celebrate First Lady Lucy Hayes’ birthday with a special display of her dresses Saturday, Aug. 22, through Saturday, Aug. 29, and special events on Saturday, Aug. 29, in the Hayes Museum.

Intricate gowns worn by Lucy that are not normally on exhibit will be brought out of storage and put on display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from Saturday, Aug. 22 through Saturday, Aug. 29. Access to the dresses is included with regular admission. Hayes Presidential members are admitted for free.

On Saturday, Aug. 29, Lucy’s birthday party will take place and include complimentary lemonade and special events. The Kids Days @ Hayes Victorian Tea is a birthday tea from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. RSVPs for the tea are required and can be made at rhayes.org. For a list of events and to RSVP for the kids’ tea, visit rhayes.org.

The event sponsor for the tea is Pamela & Joy at Billy’s Restaurant.
Hayes Home caretaker retires after 38 years

Just before sunrise, Becky Slater walks into the Hayes Home and turns on the lights. The ornate Victorian mansion is quiet, as though President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes and family might still be asleep in the spacious bedrooms.

One of the things Slater loves about the more than 100-year old house is that it still has that feeling that the Hayeses are there, ready to join in the large parlor for a song on the piano or a game of tennis on the lawn.

It’s one of the reasons visitors love the home, too.

For 38 years, Slater has been one of the key people in making the house feel that way, starting in the early mornings like this one. As its caretaker, she has carefully kept the priceless artifacts clean and unblemished and cleaned the 31-room structure from top to bottom.

She retired in May, finishing her last shift 38 years and three days after she began the job in 1982.

“It’s like my second home,” said Slater, a native of Fremont who lives within walking distance of Spiegel Grove. “I liked being around the president and Lucy’s things. I liked working with them and just thinking: ‘Oh, the president probably touched this.’”

Her favorite room is the Red Parlor, which is so named in honor of the Red Room of the White House, where Hayes took his oath of office as president.

“I like red, and I really like the way it is now, the way they’ve put it back to what it was when the president and Lucy lived there. It’s really pretty.”

In nearly four decades of working at the home, Slater has many special memories of Spiegel Grove and the people who worked, volunteered and visited there. Among her favorites are Hayes Presidential’s centennial in 2016, when thousands visited the site and watched The Ohio State University Marching Band perform on the Hayes Home lawn, and when C-SPAN came to the home in 2012 to film its series on first ladies.

As she moves into retirement, Slater plans to spend time with her three grandsons, ages 15, 13, and 12. She said she will most miss the people, including the Hayes Home guides who she has interacted with so often through the years.

“Becky has true passion for the historical setting in which she works. And people notice,” said Christie Weininger, Hayes Presidential executive director. “One of the most frequent compliments I hear from visitors, and her fellow staff members, too, is that they are so impressed with how clean the home is. ‘Not a speck of dust anywhere!’ We are all so thankful to Becky for the many years of loving care she has given to the Hayes Home.”

Hayes Presidential’s craft beer event returns for its second year on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020.

Sample craft beer from regional brewers and specialty cocktails while enjoying live music and mythical creature stories on Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

Craft Beers, Cocktails & Creatures is from 5 to 8 p.m. on the grounds of Spiegel Grove.

This event coincides with the special exhibit “Ohio: An Unnatural History,” and the event will include access to see the exhibit.

The Bridge County Bluegrass Band will perform. Food trucks will be on-site. Food truck fare is not included in the ticket price.

Participating breweries are Findlay Brewing Company, Maumee Bay Brewing Company of Toledo, Twin Oast Brewing of Catawba Island and Aistear Brewing of Bowling Green.

Participants must be 21 or older to attend. Attendees are asked to maintain at least 6 feet of distance between their group and other household groups. Tables will be spaced accordingly. Hand sanitizer will be available.

Tickets purchased in advance are $25 for Hayes Presidential members and $30 for non-members. Admission includes 10 tickets to sample 4-ounce pours of craft beer and a flight of sample cocktails. A $10 designated driver ticket that does not include any samples also is available and includes water.

Tickets purchased the day of the event are $30 for members and $35 for non-members. The designated driver ticket cost remains $10.

Tickets can be purchased online at rbhayes.org/events/2020/08/29/events/craft-beers-cocktails-and-creatures/ and at the museum front desk. Tickets also will be sold the day of the event at the museum front desk subject to availability.

Craft Beers, Cocktails and Creatures is sponsored by Wright Leather Works.
Whether to use military as a police force questions dates back to Hayes

Perhaps the most dramatic moment in Rutherford B. Hayes’ presidency occurred just four months into his first year. When workers for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Line ignited a nationwide strike protesting a series of wage cuts that had accumulated over four years, state governors called upon President Hayes to use federal troops to break the strike.

Hayes, always constitutionally minded, considered the language of Article 4, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution and determined to lean into the phrase that allowed for the federal government to “protect each (state) . . . against domestic Violence.”

This language provided a constitutional justification for the use of troops domestically. But, when governors contacted him without the correct phrasing, he simply ignored them. Governor Hartranft of Pennsylvania forgot the phrase “domestic insurrection” in his first request, and had to send a second memo with those words attached just to get Hayes to respond.

This early conflict in Hayes’s presidency informed what would come later as Congress considered an amendment to the Army Appropriation Bill in 1878 that disallowed the use of the Army as a “posse comitatus.” Essentially, this meant the Army could not be used as a police force.

In this instance, Democrats were concerned with the use of troops in upholding Reconstruction in the South, and specifically the potentiality of the troops protecting black men while voting. In an overly partisan vote, the Democratic House added the posse comitatus addendum to the Army Appropriation Bill.

While the posse comitatus amendment to the Army Appropriation Bill was a partisan movement, the passage of the overall Army Appropriation Bill was not. But, when the bill made its way to the Senate, Senator James Blaine (R-Maine) led a lively discussion, arguing that the amendment was unnecessary and not pertinent to Army Appropriations.

Despite his objections, Congress passed the bill. Most Republicans viewed the amendment as an innocuous addition since, they felt, it did not curtail or add any powers. The Republican party was also in a vulnerable position since a large portion of Americans believed Hayes was elected through electoral fraud. Abram Hewitt (D-New York and former head of the DNC) unflinchingly argued that the Hayes administration, “reaped the rewards of the abuse of the Army and today occupy positions to which they were never chosen by the people of this country.”

After it made its way through Congress, President Hayes signed the appropriation bill with the amendment attached on June 18, 1878.

While Hayes leaves little information to his thinking upon signing the bill, we can assume his reliance on the constitution during the Great Railroad Strike of 1877 informed his decision since the amendment provided for the supremacy of “the Constitution or Act of Congress.” And, just like during the strike, the Constitution provided for federal engagement once state governors laid out an argument for “domestic insurrection.” He saw nothing in the amendment that would be an impediment to the presidency’s current powers.

We can find further evidence of his thinking when he was writing about his frustration with the next Army Appropriation Bill the following year. Democrats in the House wanted to add another rider, this time explicitly preventing any federal military or civil authorities from monitoring the polls. While Hayes was willing to sign the appropriations bill in 1878 with the posse comitatus rider, this one did not provide any language that would have provided supremacy to the Constitution. Moreover, he weared over the Democratic House attempting to circumvent the president by attaching controversial riders to appropriation bills.

While Hayes did not feel a need to use federal troops at the polls, he objected to members of Congress attempting to override the president’s right to protect voting during federal elections. He admitted, at this point, that the issue was settled by the posse comitatus amendment the year earlier. He stated, “No power denied to the army by this bill now belongs to the army. If there was doubt on this question the act of June 18, 1878, removed it.”

His wording in this statement shows that, as he understood the constitution, federal troops could never be used unless there was “domestic insurrection” and formal requests from state governors anyway. The posse comitatus amendment simply reiterated that and removed any “doubt.”

The passage of the posse comitatus amendment is a small moment in Hayes’ four years, but it has lived on to have an impact throughout American history. Just within the last few years, President Trump has called for the use of federal troops for domestic purposes on two occasions. First, he asked for troops to police the Southern border. Second, he mentioned using troops as a force to end rioting connected to protests over systemic racism. In recent years, this act has had an impact even before President Trump.

In 2009, after Michael McLendon killed 10 people at Fort Rucker, a number of troops were used in a police function. While President Obama did not authorize their use, nor did the governor of Alabama, those who were part of this action received “administrative” punishment for violating the Posse Comitatus Act. President George W. Bush asked Congress to amend the law so that the military could be used to assist in natural disaster relief after Hurricane Katrina.
Hayes Home added to National Park Service’s Underground Railroad Network to Freedom

The historic Hayes Home is part of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, a group of more than 600 sites across the United States that connect in some way to the Underground Railroad.

Although the home of President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes at Spiegel Grove was not actually a stop on the Underground Railroad, it is included in the network because of Rutherford Hayes’ work in defending runaway slaves while he worked as an attorney in Cincinnati.

The National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom is organized by the National Park Service. It collaborates with local, state and federal entities to honor, preserve and promote the history of resistance to slavery through escape and flight. It includes sites, locations with a verifiable connection to the Underground Railroad, programs with educational and interpretive programs about the Underground Railroad and research and educational facilities.

“While Hayes is not remembered as one of the most avid abolitionists in Ohio, his story is compelling because of the level of transformation he underwent,” said Dustin McLochlin, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums historian. “He was raised to dislike abolitionists, only to make the defense of fugitive slaves part of his career in the 1850s. This is a story we have not highlighted well enough, and we are happy that it is receiving more attention through this network.”

Two cases where Hayes defended runaway slaves have been recorded.

One involved a slave named Lewis who did not wait for the verdict of his case and decided to make a run for it. Hayes wrote that Lewis “slipped out under the table at which we were sitting, and crawled along under the legs of a row of fellows, and was taken to a buggy in a lane nearby, and was spirited on.”

Hayes’ most important case involved a young girl named Rosetta Armstead in 1855. Working with Salmon P. Chase, a well-known attorney who would go on to serve as Ohio governor and secretary of state under Abraham Lincoln, Hayes made the closing argument for Armstead, which reportedly resulted in “unrestrainable applause” from the courtroom audience.

Chase wrote that Hayes “acquitted himself with great distinction in the defense of Rosetta.” The court declared Armstead free under both U.S. and Ohio law.

In addition to defending Lewis and Armstead, Hayes also enlisted in the Union Army when the Civil War began. He was 38 and past the age of men required to go, but he felt too strongly about the Union’s cause not to fight.

Very early in the conflict, Hayes laid out his views on the slavery question, writing in his diary on Dec. 22, 1861: “We are at the same high call here today—freedom, freedom for all. We all know that is the essence of this contest.”

When escaped slaves surrendered themselves to Hayes, he ensured they were allowed to head north, even recommending some for employment on his uncle’s property of Spiegel Grove, which would become his beloved home later in life. He also trusted and encouraged the escaped slaves who made it to his regiment.

“Slavery is getting death-blows,” Hayes wrote. “As an ‘institution,’ it perishes in this war.”
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We are humbly grateful for members who renewed their membership while we were closed, those who made a financial or in-kind gift and to those who made a donation to our special appeal request to help with our budget deficit.

We were fortunate to be awarded an Emergency Relief Grant from The Sandusky County Communities Foundation and a reopening assistance stipend from The Ohio History Connection.

As you know, we rely on revenue from our visitors to maintain and run the library and museums to fund our exhibits and all our other programs. We are an independent presidential site and are not part of the federal system of presidential libraries. Although we are eligible for federal grants and some stimulus funds, we do not receive general funding from the federal government. The largest portion of our income comes from earned revenue, which will be considerably less this year.

Please be safe and when you are able, visit us!
Frohman Summer Series offers take-home kits

Kids can build ships and boats, learn creative construction and create their own roller coaster with take-home kits from the Frohman Summer Series: Hands-on History at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

The series, which promotes learning about science, technology, engineering and math through local history, was originally scheduled for three in-person sessions throughout the summer but has been changed to take-home educational materials and activities.

Free kits for the three sessions will be offered in August, September and October. Each kit will include the majority of supplies and instructions needed to conduct or create that session’s projects. Twenty kits are available each month.

To receive a kit, participants must register with Julie Mayle, curator of manuscripts, at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or jmayle@rbhayes.org. Participants can pick up their kit at Hayes Presidential during the last week of each month. Kits also can be mailed to participants for a fee. This title sponsor for the Frohman Summer Series is ABC INOAC. Kits for each month are:

**• August – Cedar Point Roller Coasters** – Students can learn about speed, strength, gravity and other principles of physics and engineering by building a roller coaster using a variety of materials. From 1892 to the present day, coasters have been a top attraction of Cedar Point amusement park generation after generation. Using the Charles E. Frohman Collection photographs from Hayes Presidential’s collections, drawings and documents, students will analyze and build models of 19th and 20th-century coasters, comparing them to today’s coasters.

**Session sponsor is Sierra Lobo.**

**• September – All Hands on Deck! – Ships and Boats of the Great Lakes** – Students will learn about buoyancy, flotation, displacement and other principles of physics and engineering by building different types of boats with a variety of materials. Using the Frohman Collection photographs, drawings, and documents, students will learn about the Great Lakes commercial shipping industry, as well as the passenger vessels that occupied the area during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

**• October – Thinking Outside the Box – Engineering and Creative Construction** – Using the Frohman historic photographs and documents, students will learn about the innovative cardboard box manufacturer, Hinde & Dauch Paper Company. The business successfully operated from 1880 to 1981 in Sandusky. Students will gain an understanding of basic engineering principles and use that knowledge to construct functional bridges, containers and towers.

### Upcoming events

**Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020 – Verandah Concert.** 7 p.m. Free. During this last concert of the season, North Coast Big Band will perform toe-tapping tunes of the World War II era. Attendees are asked to bring their own chairs or blankets for seating. Attendees also are asked to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance between their household group and other audience members. Donations are accepted for ice cream. **Sponsored by Fremont Federal Credit Union. Additional funding by Mosser Construction and ProMedica Memorial Hospital and Paramount Advantage.**

**Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020 – Beginning Genealogy Class.** 9:30 – 11 a.m. Learn how to get started on tracing your family history. Head Librarian John Ransom and Librarian Pat Breno will highlight available resources, including those at the Hayes Presidential Library, for finding ancestry. Cost is $10 and can be paid online at rbhayes.org or in person the day of class. **Sponsored by RootsMagic, Inc.**

**Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 – Kids Days @ Hayes: Civil War Camp.** 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kids will experience what life was like in a Civil War camp. They will interact with and witness historical demonstrations by Civil War reenactors. Cost is $3 for kids and grandkids of Hayes Presidential members at the major level and higher and $5 for non-member kids. There is no charge for adults who bring kids to this program. RSVPs are required and must be made by 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22. They can be made online at rbhayes.org/events/2020/10/24/events/kids-dayshayes-civil-war-camp/ or by contacting Education Coordinator Joan Eardly at jeardly@rbhayes.org or 419-332-2081. **Event sponsor is Mosser Construction.**

**Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 – Civil War Winter Camp.** Times and price TBA. Experience what life was like for President Rutherford B. Hayes’ Civil War regiment while it camped for the winter. 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. The experience will include female reenactors portraying women’s involvement in the effort on the home front. Tours require purchasing tickets, which will be available at rbhayes.org. **Sponsored by Dr. Carlos A. DeCarvalho & Mrs. Carol L. Greenberg. Additional funding by The Andersons and VFW, Fremont Post 2947.”
Visitors with electric cars can now charge their vehicles while touring the Hayes Home and museum or walking the grounds after the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums installed three electric charging stations in the spring.

Hayes Presidential is the only location in Fremont with these charging stations.

There is one DC Fast Charger and two Level 2 charging stations in the back parking lot at Spiegel Grove. They are operated by Greenlot, which is a Shell Company.

The cost to use them is 35 cents per kilowatt hour plus a $1 single-use fee and a 5 percent transaction fee.

Hayes Presidential’s Building and Grounds Committee discussed adding the stations and took advantage of AEP Ohio’s electric utilities EV charger incentive program. This program allows Hayes Presidential to be reimbursed for the cost of construction and installation.

Hayes Presidential members who have electric cars will soon receive a discount on charging through their membership benefits, said Sue Berryman, director of development.