Utopia: A Visual Storytelling of Our Home
A LOOK AT EDUCATION IN 2019

IN 2019 THE WCHS EDUCATED...

3,589 KIDS
students in Northwest Ohio

ADULTS 925
seniors and adults at various locations in Northwest Ohio

354 TOURS
visitors reached on 15 scheduled tours

PROGRAMS 27
talks or trunks available to the public

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SCHEDULE A TALK OR TOUR?
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From the Director

Kelli Kling

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In some circles, the number 200 is associated with an energy for companionship, teamwork, and infinite possibilities - all words that come to mind when I think about Wood County celebrating its 200-year bicentennial in 2020. I expect to get caught up in the celebration with all of the special events and activities that will chronicle and salute Wood County’s rich history.

At the Historical Museum, we look forward to your visit to see our spin on the celebration. Programs such as the monthly tea series, Living History Day, and German-American Day will uncover some of the lesser-known treasures of the last 200 years - following the branches of family trees from Wood County’s first influencers to the movers and shakers that live here today.

On February 1, we will open a photography exhibit: *Utopia: A Visual Storytelling of Our Home*. Now the notion of “utopia” may conjure up very different ideas to different people, but one consistent theme of this illusory idea is the possibility of living happily in harmony between humanity and nature.

Philosopher Slavoj Zizek (1949-present) described the quest for a utopian society as a counter to what seems an undesirable situation: “out of the pure urge of survival you have to invent a new space.” … and invent a new space is just what our ancestors did! In the introduction to the *Commemorative Historical and Biographical Record of Wood County, Ohio*, Charles Evers wrote:

> Let us glance hastily at the landscape and map out, from the boundless waste, as nearly as we can, the speck or place where Wood County is to be staked out by bounds. We can define it. It lies on the south side of the Maumee along the Rapids. What is it? A wilderness of swamp, forest and plain; dreary, desolate. There are no signs of human habitation except the rude hunting camps of some nomadic savages. The face of the country bears no marks, save what has been written on it by Nature’s working forces.

As to why this book was compiled in 1897, Evers went on to say:

> The ways of the pioneers were not the ways of today; yet their story has an interest to us, because they were our ancestors — our heroic kindred, and we have a just right to feel a pride in what they did.

In the exhibit *Utopia*, the landscape of Wood County, from beauty to boundless waste, has been captured by local photographer Taylor Houpt Ayres. You will see snapshots from her vantage point, motivated by her experiences. The exhibit is meant to share a part of Wood County’s story, and invite you to share your own part of that story with your own photos and feedback. You may see the structures that dot our landscape and remember our county’s struggles. You may see mistakes that were made. You may see the hope that once fueled our county alongside the bounties of oil and gas. You may see something that propels you to make a difference.

As Evers said, the ways of the pioneers were not the ways of 1897, nor 2020, but our heroic kindred still inspire us. If we believe that “200” is a symbol for infinite possibilities, then join the staff of the Historical Museum & Society in embracing our past and writing the new chapters of our story.

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THANK YOU, Outgoing Board Members

It is with much gratitude that we thank the out-going board members that have served the Society and Museum with such dedication for many years:

Judy Ennis
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Neil Munger
Becky White-Schooner

The Society’s Board of Trustees consists of fifteen members, who reside or work in Wood County, ten of whom are elected each November by the membership, three appointed by the Wood County Commissioners, and two appointed by the Wood County Park District. Board members serve one 3-year term and are eligible for a second term, but must step down for at least one year after serving two consecutive terms.

We welcome to the board our newly elected members: Denise Brennan, Sandra Gill, Chris Ostrowski, County Commissioners appointee Gordon Bowman, & Park District appointee Corinne Gordon. WELCOME!

Thank you 2019 Demonstration Days sponsor: Northwestern Ohio Tractor Pulling Association
TECH TALK

Daniel Hergert • technician@woodcountyhistory.org

It’s list time! Top 10 things that happened last year, for me, at this job, coming at you now in no particular order:

1. Baby Mink: I found a baby mink at our trail head. With the help of the Wood County Park Police, we were able to get him back to his den.

2. Pickles on a Stick: I got to choose the food we sold at the WCPD Folklore & Fun Fest. We sold four jars worth of pickles on kabob sticks!

3. Community Service: Another year of 600+ hours of community service. Thank you to all the men and women that helped us out on a daily basis.

4. Hog Barn: We got the corner of the building fixed and kept it from falling in on itself, thanks Comte Construction!

5. Currently Squirrel Free: we are not going to jinx it, but it’s quiet right now.

6. Jacob A. Riis Exhibit: I was very happy that we got to host the Jacob A. Riis exhibit this year!

7. For Comfort & Convenience Exhibit: Our main exhibit is great and I am glad I got to help Holly build her vision!

8. Tea-riffic year: All the teas went smooth and I am glad that I have such great volunteers to help with the events.

9. Gift Shop Contributions: Jon is good at keeping me busy. I have gotten to build a lot of display pieces in the gift shop and I am happy they get good reception.

10. Attic Reorganization: Thank you to Heather Bloom for your help in this effort! Heather was able to get the attic all rearranged so we could get plasterwork done and better use the elevator by having heavy things in the west wing and lighter stuff in the east. I was happy to help her efforts along with her as the brains and I provided the brawn.

2019 was an eventful year out here and I hope that it only gets better in 2020!
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*As of 12-31-19
With the dawn of a new decade there is much work to be done here at the Museum.

Deadlines are met with a feeling of accomplishment once all that hard work comes to fruition. If you know me well or have spent time with me at the Museum, I am sure you’ve heard me say, “I have to be inspired in order to create something notable for our visitor.”

A couple of things have inspired me and I want to share them with all of you.

In 2019, I was accepted into Leadership Bowling Green. The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce sponsors this program and participants meet once a month to network and learn about different aspects of Wood County. In October our Leadership Class participated with Project Connect. A one-day event set up to provide goods and services to those homeless or nearly homeless in our community.

Needless to say, I was moved by the generosity of the county agencies and other non-profits throughout Wood County and the overwhelming number of people in need. All I could think about was, “these people would have lived in our building when it operated as the County Home.” So, emotionally touched by this experience, I went back to work and spoke with my colleagues about how to incorporate modern awareness about the homeless into what we are already doing at the museum.


“Researchers in London who followed thousands of people 50 and older over a 14-year period discovered that those who went to a museum or attended a concert just once or twice a year were 14 percent less likely to die during that period than those who don’t.”

Knowing that the work we do here at the museum contributes to the physical health of our constituents is mind-blowing. Personally, I love knowledge. Moreover, I love how I can take objects from our collections and link a story from the past to something happening right now. Is it the passion of the curator that invokes “excitement and maintains purpose in life?” Regardless of that, my eyes and ears are always open to take our collections, our stories, and inspired findings to the next level.
THANKS FOR BEING A PART OF IT!

In 2019, the Wood County Historical Society received 117 donations totalling just shy of $13,000 towards our annual campaign. Thank you to the Society Board and staff for their support, as well as our members, past donors, past board members, and life members. For the first time, we received financial support from our Facebook followers and our new community friends.

Contributions to the Society’s Annual Campaign are used in a variety of ways, such as:

- To serve over 100 classrooms and senior centers with educational talks and trunks as a free service to the community
- Provide the means for printing and framing for the new photography exhibit, Utopia.
- Purchase a museum-quality case to bring the Bach artifacts back on display in May 2020

Every little bit helps! We collected over $2,000 alone in our museum donation boxes and from patrons who said “keep the change” after making a gift shop purchase. Those small gestures raised enough money to purchase a new laptop and a new mannequin to showcase one of the textiles from the collection.

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FOLKLORE FRIDAY

We broke the rainy weather tradition this year for Friday Night Folklore! On October 25 the skies were crystal clear and the weather was next to perfect! Guests had a chance to walk the Museum grounds and visit various story stops that featured Wood County Folklore. Magician Andrew Martin also performed five magic shows and amazed guests with slight of hand tricks!

Thank you to the following sponsors who helped make the Folklore Tour a success. Story Stop Sponsors: Dolores Black & Janet Parks, Haslingers Orchard, Wood County Park District, Gearhart Plumbing, Ed & Irma Wolf, Dave & Linda Ernsthausen, Every Day People Cafe, Popin’ Georges Kettle Corn, & Habitec Security.

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The 150th Birthday Gala Fundraiser on December 14 was a fabulous way to celebrate the birthday of the County Home! Guests came out to join in on the birthday fun and even got to enjoy a tour through the Museum archives! I would also like to thank Ken Frisch for all of his help with creating all of the balloon sculptures that were at the Gala this year.


A big thanks to Kelly Wolbert for putting together the raffle baskets and to all the Silent Auction Donors: Toledo Walleye, Toledo Museum of Art, Andrew Martin, Bowling Green Lincoln Auto Sales, Toledo Zoo & Aquarium, Fort Meigs, Geer Law, BGSU Athletics, MYO-Fit, Wood County Park District, Ed & Irma Wolf, Judy Ennis, Northwestern Ohio Tractor Pullers Association, Melanie Stretchbery, Hagemeyer Fine Photography, Mary Hinkelman, Tom Pendleton, Sue Cayton, Sue Shank, Kacee’s Cookies, Hilton Garden Inn Levis Commons, Beth Genson, Ann Beck, Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, Hollywood Casino, Rebecca Walls LMT, & Deb Halsey.

With your help, we were able to raise over $11,000!

Behind every successful event is a team of wonderful volunteers. These events would not be possible without your support. The WCHS would like to send out a special THANK YOU! to all the Birthday Gala Fundraiser volunteers! ✤

Top Photo: Beef Tenderloin prepared by Penta Culinary Program
Bottom Photo: L to R Chris Geist, Jean Geist, and Kelli Kling
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Wood County Historical Museum
13660 County Home Rd.
Bowling Green OH 43402

01/2020 Winter Chanticleer
Historical Society Fun Facts for 2019

• Attendance was higher on the first Friday of each month than any other Friday.

• The majority of our visitors were from Wood County: 876 in 2018 and 877 in 2019! Visitors representing Lucas County came in second.

• With the *For Comfort & Convenience* exhibit, we saw an uptick in visitation across the state, with Hardin and Cuyahoga being most improved!

• We have had visitor representation from each region of Ohio, even if we are still missing some of the counties. If you know anyone from South Central or South East, Ohio, please encourage them to visit!

• Outside of Ohio, our Michigan neighbors stopped by the most (109), but we also had great representation from Illinois (22) and California (20). Our out-of-state visitors are usually visiting family in the area, and they love to share the comparisons between Ohio and their current state.

• Our super volunteers, Lisa King and Kelly Wolbert, have tracked our visitor stats all the way back to 1997. Museum visitation fluctuates up and down each year, but averages 1,770 visitors. In 2019, we were right on the average with 1,771. (Our highest visitor attendance came in 2018 for the WWI exhibit, which exceeded 3,000).

• However, when you look at the total number of people served by the Historical Society, which includes grounds visitation, rentals, events, and educational outreach, there is a steady increase each year, with 2019 in the lead by a landslide with 14,824 served. That’s 3,000 over the next highest year (2017) and 5,800 over 2018.

• Volunteers racked up 4,666.5 hours in 2019, which is about average. That equals more than two full-time employees. This doesn’t include community service and SEARCH volunteers, which equal an additional 1.5 employees per year.

It’s a Wise Thing to Do

Charitable giving may help you minimize taxes while also supporting the causes that are meaningful to you.

Ask your financial advisor about supporting the Wood County Historical Society this tax season or as part of your estate planning.
2019

FEBRUARY EVENTS
01 EXHIBIT OPENING
1pm-4pm
“Utopia: A Visual Storytelling of Our Home”
Museum open for self-guided tours

MAY 30-31
Living History Along the Portage
At the Log Cabin
Costumed interpreters portray life in Wood County from the 1750s through the American Civil War
Free Event • Free Museum admission 1-4

JUNE 6 & 7
POWER of YESTERYEAR TRACTOR SHOW
Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-3
Farm-themed demos, tractors, oil derrick
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JUNE 27 & 28
AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY
2 PM Saturday - 2 PM Sunday
Join the Wood County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) in a nationwide exercise to practice emergency communication procedures by setting up amateur (ham) radio stations using temporary antennas and emergency power.
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OCTOBER 17
WC Park District Folklore & FunFest
4 PM - 9 PM
Free Event • Free Museum admission 4-9

Come as a guest or sign up to volunteer.
Our signature events are already in place, so mark your calendars now!

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FREE FIRST FRIDAYS
Free Museum admission on the

BG First Friday of each month

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Thursday, April 9 ~ 2-4 PM
WOOD COUNTY’S BICENTENNIAL: WHOSE HISTORY IS IT?
Hear about some of the lesser-known people and events in Northwest Ohio’s history, and discuss how history “is not what it was.”
Dr. Becky Mancuso, BGSU Department of History

Thursday, May 14 ~ 2-4 PM
WHIMSIES AND WHIRLIGIGS: MOVIN’ THROUGH THE ARCHIVES
Over the years, the Wood County Historical Society has collected a lot of paper related to Wood County. Learn about the treasures stored behind closed doors.
Holly Kirkendall, Wood County Historical Museum

Thursday, June 11 ~ 2-4 PM
MURDER & MAYHEM IN WOOD COUNTY
In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Wood County was more like the Wild West than a quiet rural landscape. Learn about some of the county’s most (in)famous crimes and a few hidden in history.
Marnie Pratt, Wood County District Public Library

Thursday, July 9 ~ 2-4 PM
A CAMP FIRE GIRL’S JOYOUS CALL TO WORK AND BEAUTY
Inspired by fiction novels of the early 20th century, this presentation explores the purpose of the Camp Fire Girls and its influence on young women of the time, featuring insight into the history of the Northwest Ohio chapters.
Joan Eardly, Hayes Presidential Library & Museum

Thursday, August 13 ~ 2-4 PM
IT’S FUN TO BE FOOLED: THE LIFE & TIMES OF DUKE LABEY, MASTER MAGICIAN
Learn about local magician Tony “Duke” Labey, regarding his “fight for health and perfection in the art of magic.” This presentation will cover the vaudeville circuit, Toledo's nightclub life, and the social history of tuberculosis in the twentieth century.
Dana Nemeth, BGSU Browne Popular Culture Library

Thursday, Sept. 10 ~ 2-4 PM
RECONCILING THE CIVIL WAR
The Civil War is over. Now what? Learn about how soldiers from both sides said goodbye to what divided them and reconciled the past.
Dustin Mclochlin, Hayes Presidential Library & Museum

Thursday, Oct. 8 ~ 2-4 PM
ROLLIN’ WITH JESUS
Let’s talk about the paper that makes the church go round: bibles, bulletins, cradle rolls, pardon crucifix letters, and other things.
Daniel Hergert, Wood County Historical Society

Thursday, Nov. 12 ~ 2-4 PM
PEANUT BUTTER & MARMALADE: 50 YEARS OF HEALTH & WELLNESS
This presentation will trace some of the major and more peculiar changes in lifestyle advice, including scholastic and community events aimed at encouraging healthy habits.
Allison Nelson, Certified Personal Trainer & Historian

Thursday, Dec. 3 ~ 2-4 PM
LETTERS FROM EUROPE
During a European tour in 1936, Howard Nelligan wrote to his mother from abroad, filled with tales of his adventures, wife, daughter. Heather Bloom, BGSU M.A. candidate in History & Spanish

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SPORTY, SPICE, & EVERYTHING NICE
Sis, Boom, Bah .. The ladies of Wood County play sports? Learn about female athletes of Wood County and the experiences of their wife, and daughter.
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WINTER 2020
Please consider making a tax-deductible donation in 2020 using the envelope provided inside your newsletter, or with the easy online option from our website at woodcountyhistory.org/giving. Your donation can support the Society’s general fund or you can specify which areas you would like to support:

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Every contribution helps the Society perform the daily operation of preserving our history so we can share your stories and memories with today’s generation. ✤
Many of you know that I have a few adult educational programs on the topic of World War I. These include: “Henry County in the Great War: German-Americans, Patriots, and Loyalty Trials,” “The Sinking of the USS Ticonderoga in World War I: and its impact on Wood County,” & “The First Global War on Terror: German Conspiracy and Sabotage in America 1914-1918.”

But you probably didn’t know that I am a World War I enthusiast and private collector of WWI artifacts. I specialize in small objects, photo post cards, and lockets; things that easily fit on my bookshelf at home.

One of the first objects that I would like to share with you is this locket, collected in 2018. This locket was given to someone named Fay by Archie G. Redden of Sioux City, Iowa in 1917. We can tell a lot about this locket because it is also inscribed with Redden’s Army unit, Company L, 168th Infantry Regiment. The 168th was part of the famed “Rainbow Division,” the 42nd Infantry Division of the U.S. Army in 1917. Also because of this, we can determine that Redden was killed on July 15, 1918 in Champagne, France by German shellfire while helping a wounded comrade off the battlefield. Unfortunately, we will never know who Fay was, as the locket does not contain photos of either Fay or Redden. But thanks to the Internet and a quick Google search, a photo of Redden is available.

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Ohio Community Mural

Since the opening of the For Comfort & Convenience exhibit, we have been keeping track of visitors from Ohio, and which counties they are visiting from. Each of Ohio’s 88 counties is currently represented in the exhibit and we would love to have a visitor from each and every county come and visit us!

We have set a goal for 2020, to get at least one visitor from each of Ohio’s 88 counties to come and visit the Museum and have their photo taken with their county. We have started a statewide community mural (located on the first floor by the meeting room) and would love to complete it by December 2020! If you know anyone from the counties listed, please recommend a visit to the Wood County Museum to them & show your Ohio Pride!

Counties currently missing a photo to complete the mural

Northwest Ohio
- Allen
- Crawford
- Williams

Northeast Ohio
- Ashland
- Harrison
- Holmes
- Jefferson
- Mahoning
- Trumbull

Central Ohio
- Fairfield
- Fayette
- Licking
- Logan
- Madison
- Marion
- Morrow
- Pickaway

Southwest Ohio
- Adams
- Brown
- Clermont
- Clinton
- Drake
- Hamilton
- Highland
- Mercer
- Preble
- Warren

Southeast Ohio
- Athens
- Coshocton
- Hocking
- Jackson
- Lawrence
- Meigs
- Monroe
- Noble
- Perry
- Pike
- Scioto
- Vinton

▲ A visitor from Stark County (Northeast Ohio) gets her photo taken with her county
150th Birthday Gala Fundraiser!

▲ Top Photo: WCHS Staff, Middle Photo: “Brandeberry” balloon wall

▲ Timmy C & the Game Changers

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Middle Photo: Lori Tretter, Wendy Chambers, & Mary Hinkelman enjoying the Gala
Bottom Photo: Brian Cowdrey serving Northwest Ohio drinks to Becky Mancuso, Judy Gardner & Mike Coomes
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Past, Present and Upcoming WCHS Board Members at the 2019 Membership Brunch

Check your expiration date!