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Bexley High School (now Montrose) under construction 1921 & opened September 1922

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<u>Upcoming Events</u>

Pancake Breakfast Saturday December 7, 2013 8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Presented by The Bexley Historical Society And Bexley Recreation Department \$3.00 (12 & under) \$5.00 (13 & up)

Images of America

Bexley, Ohio

The Bexley Historical Society is writing a book about Bexley's storied past, and we need your help. *Bexley, Ohio,* to be released next year by Arcadia Publishing as part of its *Images of America* series, will be full of photographs of the City and its people from by-gone days.

The historical society has many photographs, some of which are displayed in our museum at the caretaker's house on the Jeffrey Estate. However, to capture the full range of Bexley's rich history, we want to include images from personal collections and archives.

If you have lived, worked, worshipped, learned, or in any way been connected to Bexley, please share your photos for the pictorial history.

Current and former residents, business owners, alumni of the City's many schools and colleges, members of its numerous churches and synagogues, and anyone related to a Bexleyite probably has photos that would add to the book.

The publication will cover Bexley's history from the arrival of European settlers on the banks of Alum Creek in the early 1800s, through the founding of the Village of Bexley in 1908, and all the way up to 1970. It will contain many images that have never been published before.

As old photographs become increasingly fragile over time, this book provides a great opportunity for people to share images from their family collections with a wide audience.

The book is scheduled for release on July 4, 2014, and will be available through numerous online and brick-and-mortar book dealers, such as Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Anyone with photographs to contribute to Bexley, Ohio may contact Mark Epstein at book@bexleyhistory.org or 614.560.1325. You may also call the historical society at 614.559.4360. We will be glad to make arrangements to come to your home and/or business to scan photographs.



Camp Bushnell, 1898 Broad Street near Drexel Avenue Sunday Visitors

Bexley's Historical Society and Public Library Undertake Digitization Project

A recently awarded \$23,000 grant from the Bexley Community Foundation will be used to begin digitizing the resources of the Bexley Public Library and the Bexley Historical Society with the goal of making them widely available on the internet.

Digitization involves scanning historical documents, photos, and artifacts to produce a digital image that can be placed in an online repository. Genealogists, historians, students, and others searching for topics on the web will discover the resources available there, leading them to the Library and Historical Society's collections. This type of digital repository is becoming the method of choice for sharing and preserving important historical and educational materials.

The digital repository will allow us to highlight important, fragile, and lesser known items of historical importance. By placing them on the internet, they are available at all times, making them especially helpful to students who are becoming accustomed to internet research. In addition, many of the items to be digititized are high quality, primary sources not otherwise easily accessible.

The project will take place in several phases. Currently, librarians and historical society personnel are conducting inventories of their collections to determine which resources would be most useful to their patrons. A scanner will be purchased with grant money and then the work of converting resources to digital format and placing them into a repository will begin. Unveiling of the new digital resource is planned for 2014.

This project is but the first step in the Bexley Historical Society and Bexley Public Library's long term goal of creating a living, participatory archive that includes contributions from Bexley community organizations and individuals.

The Last 'Paperhanging' in Bexley

In days past, the term 'paperhanging' had a very different connotation than what comes to mind in 2013. The last time a contagious disease sign was hung in the front window of a Bexley home was in 1952. A measles sign was 'paperhung' at a home on Stanwood Ave. by the Bexley Board of Health.

These placards were to be a warning to any who might be

entering the home that an infectious disease was present. By the early 1950s, 37



states had eliminated this prac-

practice.

Since these signs were placed by boards of health, that necessitated visits from public health nurses and also the need for an official to remove the sign. That is what created the furor in Bexley and most likely led to the end of 'paperhanging' in Franklin County.

The children at the Stanwood Ave. home recovered from the measles but the health dept. forgot about the sign. Then a newspaper ran the story about the delinquent sign that remained six weeks after the



children recovered.

City Health Commissioner Ollie M. Goodloe declared these placards old-fashioned and needless. Consequently, this practice ended in Franklin County. He also said that new drugs and more scientific information about how diseases are spread has tended to lessen the need for strict quarantines.

From an article in <u>The Citizen</u> by Edwin L. McCoy; June 15, 1954.

Meet Board Members: Amy Goldstein, Scott McKinley and Karl Schedler



Amy Goldstein has lived in Bexley since 1997. She is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a de-

gree in Business Administration. Amy worked for about 15 years as a Marketing Manager and/or Coordinator before opting to be a stay-at-home Mom. Her two children attend Bexley Schools.

Amy recently was able to locate a printer/scanner for the historical society when the printer that was being used decided to quit.



A graduate of Capital University with a degree in Business Administration and an O.S.U. Post Grad Degree in teaching, Scott McKinley

has lived in Bexley since 1997. He's the Logistics/Procurement Manager at Sygma Network.

Prior to moving to Bexley, Scott was a Clintonville Area Commissioner from 1993-97, is currently a Voice Corp Reader; and has volunteered at Riverside Methodist Hospital.

Scott is serving as treasurer for the historical society.

Karl Schedler is the Principal Attorney, Court of Claims Defense Section, Office of the OH Attorney General. His

undergrad degree is from OH Wesleyan, BS in History, and his JD, law degree is from OH Northern.

A Bexleyite by choice, Karl has lived here for 30 years. His children are graduates of Bexley High School. His most recent effort on behalf of the historical society was chairing the committee for our involvement in the Labor Day Block Party.

Interview With Ray Pauken



Summer evening at Johnson's Real Ice Cream

Musicians: Jamie Gaffney, Mike Stanley, Jackie LaMuth, Ed Pollock, Tom Hores, Ray Pauken, Pete Schmitz, Dave Bott, Bob Dunham

Ray grew up in northern OH, one of eight children. At age 10, he began playing the banjo. A graduate of The Ohio State University, he did his student teaching at Cassingham Elementary School. Ray joined the Columbus School System and taught at several schools prior to heading Consumer Education & the Adopt–A-School Program. Did you join the sing-alongs as Ray played his banjo with John Farley on piano at Planks at Whittier and High Streets? They were Saturday night fixtures there for 25 years.

A long-time Gould Rd. resident, Ray now lives at Bexley House. He loves the community feeling in Bexley and the sense of camaraderie.



Did You Know ...

<u>Robert Jeffrey</u> was mayor of Columbus from 1903-1905.

<u>Walter English</u> was a founder of COSI.

<u>Dr. Judah Folkman</u>, was a pioneer in cancer research and a recipient of many medical honors.

<u>Eileen Heckart</u>, an Emmy, Tony and Oscar winner, was a cheerleader at Bexley High School.

<u>Carrington T. Marshall</u>, Chief Justice of the OH Supreme Court, was a judge at the Nuremburg Trials following WWII.

The above, all former Bexley residents, are featured in the historical society's Victorian Portrait Parlor. Visit the museum and learn more about them and other notables from our city. **Bexley Historical Society** P.O. Box 9285 **Bexley, OH 43209**



Bexley Historical Society Museum at the Jeffrey Estate Caretaker's Cottage 2080 Clifton Avenue / Bexley, OH 43209 Hours First Thursday of Each Month 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ν Second Monday of Each Month 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. First Sunday of Each Month March - October 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Also open by appointment / 614-559-4360 info@bexlevhistory.org www.bexleyhistory.org 501 (c) (3) Organization

Were you one of the visitors to the cottage during the Labor Day Block Party? We were pleased to have many guests who enjoyed seeing the exhibits and doing some reminiscing.

Did you have the opportunity to see the historical society's display of art work, artifacts and quilt at the Bexley Public Library during the month of July? This same art (Edie Herrel's) can now be seen at the historical society museum on our video photo frame.

Mission Statement

The Bexley Historical Society is an educational association. It seeks to promote interest and pride in the historical development of the community and in the accomplishments of its citizenry. It endeavors to research, assemble, preserve, and publish a valuable storehouse of materials including artifacts, memorabilia, photographs, and genealogical records relevant to the heritage of the Bexley community.

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