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Scavenger Hunt
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HISTORY SCAVENGER HUNT SATURDAY APRIL 1st, 11-3 pm

The Museum is kicking off the 2017 season with a fun and informative day of hunting for Paducah's history facts within the Museum exhibits!

Each family completing the hunt will receive a free Paducah historic architecture book and a chance to win a wonderful basket of books and goodies relating to Paducah!

FAMILY FUN FOR ALL!!!

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Wonderful artifacts donated to, or obtained by Museum

Sometimes the Museum is fortunate in having supportive persons add wonderful Paducah artifacts to our collections. Other times we obtain artifacts through the purchasing of the same at auctions or from private sources. This enables the Museum to develop fresh new exhibits for a new season.

The following artifacts were given by Peggy Lenney, of Costa Mesa, California:

- Fancy chased and engraved black Malacca walking stick, dated 1894, of Mr. Ashbrook of Paducah, dated 1894;
- Addie Ashbrook's black silk parasol, fancy chased brass, mother of pearl and abalone shaft;

- Presentation rapier and scabbard, belonged to Mr. Ashbrook, 'International Order of Odd Fellows', beautiful chase work on both rapier and scabbard

Given to the Museum by Ruth DuPerrieu Ashe, of Barefoot Bay, Florida:

- Hand woven overshot coverlet wall hanging in navy blue, rust, and cream, made by Isabelle Cusic Reese, wife of Paducah Confederate soldier Charles Reese.

Bought for the Museum collections by the Artifacts Committee:

- Several hard to find whiskey jugs marked Paducah, Kentucky;

- A Sunshine Dairy insulated aluminum milk delivery box, which would sit on a porch;
- Columbia Theatre usher's pill box hat, dark blue and pale blue wool fabric with gold braided chin strap, dated 1927;
- Photograph album of Henrietta Koger, family member of Paducah's Captain Koger of Confederate fame, includes photos of many of Paducah's members of United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC);
- Reverse woodcut advertisement of the 'Duke of Paducah' used to make playbills for theatres and concert halls; large size, about 3 foot by 3 foot.

Inventory of fifty year museum collection in full swing

This winter, the museum instituted a herculean effort: to catalog the whole museum collection in its entirety, by a three phase endeavor which will take approximately one year to complete.

Stage one will describe and

inventory the boxed exhibits housed on site in its tiered storage. Phase two will involve the exhibits shown and housed on both levels of the Museum, while the museum is open to the public. Phase three will inventory the off site storage that the Museum maintains for

its remaining collections.

The process involves an extensive description of every artifact, a photo displaying each boxed exhibit or individual artifact, and digitally storing the same in our bank vault, for insurance and data purposes.

The thrilling story of the USS Gunboat 'Paducah'

The story of the USS Gunboat Paducah is a thrilling one.

Built in the early 1900's, she was christened and put to work in the first World War. She was credited with the sinking of a German submarine during that conflict.

Later, she was semi decommissioned and used as a gunnery training vessel in Duluth, Minnesota. Many sailors got their 'sea legs' aboard her at that port. She was the men's home away from home, even sporting a grey striped tiger cat,

a tomcat called Stubby, as a mascot.

She was finally fully decommissioned as a USS Gunboat on July 4, 1945. A photo was made of her crew and officers. That photo is to be seen on top of the exhibit case at the Museum.

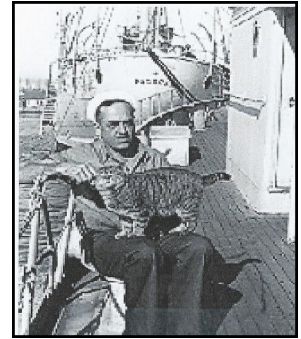
At that time, she was sold and purchased by the Hagenau, a group who wanted to peacefully relocate the homeless Jews of WWII to Palestine, the new Jewish homeland. The boat was made a peacetime boat, with all her guns removed. She traveled under the care of Captain

Patzert to various European ports to pick up refugees that had appeared out of hiding.

On her way to Palestine, she was detained and stopped by the English, who surrounded her with warships and demanded she offload her passengers and cargo. They slowly were able to be released into their new homeland.

The boat, however, was rammed by the British and later sold as scrap to the Italians.

The Museum has her rudder wheel, fog bell, and silver service.



Stubby, the USS Paducah mascot

Take the All-American Presidential Quiz!

Have you ever thought about how fact is sometimes stranger than fiction? Enjoy a little fun with the history of our presidents in the following quiz.

1. **Abraham Lincoln did not always have a beard. An eleven year old girl named Grace Bedell wrote a letter to him saying he should grow one as it would make him look much better. Lincoln took her advice. When did this happen?** A) when he was a young lawyer B) when he was first courting Mary, C) when he was running for President.
2. **Zachary Taylor was President from 1849 to 1850 and died in office. He liked his old war horse and allowed him to graze on the White House lawn. What was the horse's name?** A) Baldy B) Whitey C) General
3. **The famous slogan used during the campaign of President William Henry Harrison was 'Tippecanoe**

and Tyler, Too!' What was it based upon? A) a battle which involved the Indian Tecumseh B) a canoe which tipped over and dumped Tyler C) a former law partner who was his running mate for Vice President.

4. **The term 'OK' was said to have originated with clubs that were formed in Old Kinderhook, New York as a means to support a United States President in his campaign. Who was the President from this hometown?** A) Andrew Jackson B) Martin Van Buren C) Millard Fillmore
5. **Tomatoes were once thought to be poisonous. One American President forced his dinner guests to eat the juicy red fruits to prove they were not only non-poisonous, but delicious! Who was this epicurean President?** A) Thomas Jefferson B) George Wash-

ington C) James Buchanan

6. **One President did not know how to read and write when he married his wife Eliza. She taught her husband to do both. When he was President, he dismissed a Cabinet member without the Cabinet's consent. He was almost impeached for this action. Who was the President?** A) James Garfield B) Andrew Johnson C) Franklin Pierce
7. **A post civil war president loved horses. In fact, he had drawn pictures of them from his childhood, and was quite an artist! Predictably, when he was in office, he was arrested for speeding in a horse and buggy, and had to walk home. Who was this?** A) US Grant B) Chester Arthur C) Grover Cleveland.

ANSWERS: 1-C, 2-B, 3-A, 4-B, 5-A, 6-B, 7-A.

How well did you score?

Visitor reactions to Museum exhibits



"My Dad gave me one of those when I was a kid...but my wife cleaned out the garage last year."



"I wonder why they called him the 'Duke of Paducah' if he wasn't from here?"



"My husband and I have enjoyed this visit so much...I must tell our children's teacher to bring the whole class to visit!"



"That's pretty funny. Who would ever have thought of calling them fancy women?"

Henry Clay statue has fascinating provenance

Over the years, Volunteers and guests have marveled over the Henry Clay statue on display at the Museum. An early new article from a Paducah paper shares its provenance.

From a 1911 Paducah newspaper interview with his brother:

“The statue of Henry Clay, which stands in the Carnegie Library, is the work of George, not Henry Theobald, as once thought. Colonel John Theobald, brother of the craftsman, in commenting on the work, said,

‘My brother Henry couldn’t carve anything but a beefsteak! George was the only one of us who was artistic and the only help he had was when I held a candle for him to work by at night.

George spent three years at the task. In 1854, when he and his four brothers were living in Louisville, George brought in a yellow poplar log and began work on it. The year following, when the Theobalds moved to Paducah, the statue was exhibited there. When the Civil War

broke out, he gave the statue to a friend for safekeeping. It was later stored in a livery stable. Its recent discovery by Dr Murrell has given a rare exhibit to Paducah.”

George survived the Civil War, coming home with his brother to start a meat vendor stall in the 1850 Market House.

He succumbed to an epidemic of fever in his twenties and died. However, his wonderful statue now remind people of this teenager’s talents.



Upon success and determination:

“Sometimes you have to work for years to become an overnight success.”

—Randy Travis

“If you never try anything new, you’ll never make mistakes. But what a terrible thing to never have tried.”

—Thomas Edison

“Failures sometimes become successes. That’s how Post It Notes were developed.”

—3M Products

“If you think you can, you will, but if you think you can’t, you’re most likely right.”

—Bob Hope

“Life is a grindstone. Whether it grinds you down or polishes you up depends on what you are made of.”

—Mark Twain

“People can succeed at anything for which they have unlimited enthusiasm.”

—Charles Schwab

Three presidential assassinations: one person had connections to all

Robert Lincoln was the oldest child of Abraham and Mary Lincoln, and their only child to survive to adulthood. Robert became a skilled lawyer, and was later, an equally successful railroad magnate.

He was a young man, however, when his father was assassinated in April 1865. He kept vigil as his father lay dying, and Robert never forgot the rainy morning his Pa passed away.

Later, Lincoln was standing beside President James Garfield on July 2, 1881 when Charles Guiteau, an angry man who had been turned down for a government job, shot the President at point blank range. It is an unbelievable story, but none the less, true.

Robert was only ten feet away from President William McKinley when he was shot in the stomach, in 1901 by Leon Czolgosz, an anti-government radi-

cal.

Yet in an even odder context, Robert had once waited for a subway train in a large crowd, when a man was almost shoved under the wheels of the oncoming train. Robert though quick and yanked Edwin Booth back to safety....the brother of his father’s assassin!



Buttermilk Pound Cake with Lemon Glaze....Yum!

Ingredients:

1 cup real butter	2 tablespoons real vanilla	4 eggs
2 cups sugar	2 tablespoons lemon extract	1 teaspoon almond extract
1/4 teaspoon baking soda	3 cups flour	1 cup buttermilk
1/4 teaspoon salt		



Directions: In large bowl, cream butter with sugar till fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well. Dissolve soda in buttermilk, combine flour and salt and add to creamed mixture, alternating with buttermilk and mixing well. Stir in flavorings. Pour into greased and floured 10 inch tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees about 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until cakes tests ‘just done.’ Do not overbake. Let cool.

Lemon Glaze: Mix 1 cup powdered sugar, 1/4 cup melted butter, and 1/3 cup lemon juice.

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Wintertime books for lovers of history

Chester Alan Arthur, by Zachary Karabell is a biography which outlines the early life of an American President, and his long and successful career as a lawyer. Did you know Chester was ousted from a plum position in New York, just before being catapulted to the Presidency upon Garfield's assassination? Chester lost his wife Ellen at an early age, yet romantically placed a rose in front of her portrait every day. Considered by most historians to be somewhat of a 'dandy,' Arthur was nevertheless an organized office holder. He remodeled the White House with the help of famous architect Stanford White, placing an ornate Tiffany stained glass screen in the front hallway. This book gives one a chance

to examine one of the lesser known American Presidents.

Princess Victoria Melita: Grand Duchess Cyril of Russia, 1876-1936 is an outstanding book which shares with us the almost unbelievable story of a granddaughter of Queen Victoria of England, who was once the sister in law to the last Tsarina of Russia. Known to her family as 'Ducky,' she fell into disfavor when she married and then divorced Grand Duke Ernest of Hesse, brother of Alexandra. But she found solace in later marrying Cyril, a cousin of Tsar Nicholas. She escaped to Finland during the Russian revolution, dying in exile there, 19 years later.

Wow! The bible had some stories I must have missed....

These bloopers have been compiled from parochial high school student's tests and term papers. Some used the wrong words or bad spelling. See if you can discover what the writers were actually trying to convey to their readers. Enjoy!!

- In the first book of Genesis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.
- Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built the ark and the animals came on in pears.
- Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
- Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
- Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
- The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
- The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
- Moses died before he ever reached Canada, then Joshua led the Hebrews in the Battle of Geritol.
- David was a king who was skilled at playing the liar.
- The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments.
- Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
- When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus with the manager.
- Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

