

## The Bond House Dispatch

Spring 2022

### We're Finally Back: CHS Lecture Series Resumes

After a two year hiatus due to the pandemic, the society is pleased to announce the return of our lecture series. A decision has been made to hold the lectures at the Canfield Library where more space for seating and ample parking are available. The Bond House will be open for one hour prior to each event for patrons to view our exhibits.

On Thursday, April 14 we welcome Canfield resident Jack Dixey. Jack is an antique dealer with a passion for political memorabilia. A recent article in the Vindicator documented Jack's journey of collecting. He says it began as a young man when his Grandma Scott gave him her collection of political buttons. Jack graduated from Canfield and went on to Bowling Green University where he earned a double major in Marketing and Sales Management. His education and vibrant personality have allowed him to turn his hobby of collecting into a vocation. In addition to dealing antiques, Jack has also coordinated a show for collectors. His 40th Annual Show was held this past fall at the MAPS Air Museum in Green. Jack will share part of his collection with us that evening and discuss how the collection reflects our political history.



On Thursday, May 12 we look forward to a presentation by Robert Gentzel entitled "When a Railroad Ran through Canfield." Robert, a former Canfield resident, has done extensive research on the Niles-New Lisbon Railroad which was a part of the daily lives of Canfield residents from the 1860s through the early 20th century. When the line was complete in 1869, the southbound train ran from Niles to New Lisbon with a dozen stops in between, including Canfield. The history shows the evolution from steam locomotive to diesel engine. The line had both passenger and freight service. The railroad changed hands several times before the last train rode the rails in 1981. Join us as we travel through the years and explore the railroad that served our village and the surrounding communities.

### Boak Donates New Roof for Bond House

The trustees have been faced with several building issues this winter concerning the Bond House. Ice buildup caused some damage to the roof and the ceilings on the second floor had water damage. Inspection of the roof showed the chimney was crumbling. Fortunately, Sam Boak came to the rescue. His recommendation gave us a prompt response from James Mayhew to repair the chimney. Then Sam donated a complete roof replacement. Take notice as you drive by. We cannot show enough appreciation for this generosity. ***Sam truly is a patron of our society.*** A few plumbing issues at the Bond House also required attention. In addition, the trustees elected to take down the large tree that was causing issues with the gutters. Trimming it was not cost effective. Fortunately, the Mahoning Dispatch seems to have weathered the winter in good shape.

***Our sincere thanks for their continued support:  
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### Program Booklet on the Website

The society has decided to use the website: [canfieldhistory.com](http://canfieldhistory.com) for communicating with members. A Members page has been set up that will allow us to keep an updated list of members and to communicate newsletter information electronically. Printing the Program Booklets and mailing them did not allow for continuous up to date information. In order to access the members page you must create an account and then log in to the website. You will receive an email with a link to create your account. In order for this to work, we must have an active email on file for you. If you do not receive an email in the next week with the link to join, please contact us through the website or call Suzie McCabe directly (330-719-6972). We will continue to send quarterly newsletters via regular mail until we see how this works for us. A current members list has been included in this newsletter for your convenience.