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June will see history come 'alive' in Trumbull

WARREN – History will live and breathe in June in Trumbull County.

“History Alive: Turn of the Century” is a series of three living history performances at Kent State University at Trumbull, co-sponsored by the Tribune Chronicle and Warren-Trumbull County Public Library.

The three historical characters who will be featured are Susan B. Anthony, a leader in the women’s suffrage movement, portrayed by Christina Rausa of Fredonia, N.Y.; first lady Lucretia Garfield, wife of James A. Garfield, 20th president of the United States, portrayed by Damaris Peters-Pike of Hiram; and American inventor Thomas A. Edison, who will be portrayed by Hank Fincken of Indianapolis.

Each evening will feature a first-person historical portrayal followed by a question-and-answer session in character and then as a living history scholar.

“Each historical character has both a national and local connection that we believe our audiences will be thrilled by,” said Sue Shafer, community events coordinator for the Tribune Chronicle. “The audience, and especially youth, will no doubt be inspired by the tenacity and dedication of these historical characters and realize they too can have a positive impact in their world.”

Cheryl Bush, public relations manager for the library, said “This promises to be an entertaining and educational series as we discover more about some of the individuals who impacted our society in the early part of the 20th century. Living history performances allow the audience to make connections with other times and ideas, and encourages conversations about our world today.”

The event, June 14 to 16, is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Tickets will be available beginning May 2 by contacting Shafer at 330-841-1696, at sshafer@tribtoday.com or at the main library, 444 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m.

“Period performances like these help us connect our present to our past and better understand our own communities,” said Lance Grahn, dean and chief administrative officer at KSU Trumbull. “They also enrich Trumbull County’s active embrace of its history and culture.”

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