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Oberlin Heritage Center Celebrates Jewett Family Day

The Oberlin Heritage Center celebrates “family” during the community’s 26th annual Family Fun Fair by shining the spotlight on its 1884 Jewett House, the home’s first residents, Frank Fanning and Sarah Frances Gulick Jewett, and their ties to other Jewetts on the family tree. Special guests for the day will include members of the national association of the Jewett Family of America (JFA) and others interested in the history and lineage of the Jewett Family, whose roots in America span nearly 400 years. Historically, Jewetts have strong ties to abolition, missionary work, higher education and more. Festivities take place within and around the Victorian Jewett House (73 South Professor Street, Oberlin) on **Saturday, August 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** and are free and open to the public.

Visitors can try their hand at old-fashioned games on the lawn of the 1836 Little Red Schoolhouse throughout the day, or step back in time and explore the first floor of the 1866 Monroe House on a self-guided tour. Youngsters and the young-at-heart may choose to enjoy a free “I Spy Oberlin” Tour, a guided one-hour walking tour through historic Oberlin designed especially for younger children (ages 5-11) accompanied by an adult. Participants are kept on their toes seeking out historic markers, decorative details, and Oberlin oddities. The tour begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Heritage Center’s Monroe House (73½ South Professor Street) and advance reservations are encouraged. Sign-up at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700 for more information.

Members of the Jewett Family will be visiting the Heritage Center’s Jewett House during the afternoon, and all are welcome to attend a 2:00 p.m. mini-program about Frank and Fannie Jewett, who lived in the house from 1884-1923, and their connections to national events and social movements in the Civil War era. Hear about Jewetts who served as officers in the 54th Massachusetts regiment, the first African-American company in the Civil War. Discover the Jewett ties to Harriet Beecher Stowe’s 1852 anti-slavery novel *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*. Afterward, guests will be invited to view newly installed history panels about Frank’s extended family and tour the house at their own pace.

Whether you are a member of the Jewett Family or simply interested in the vast contributions of this family to many significant aspects of American history, all are invited to stop by and enjoy a very special day at the Heritage Center.

For more on this Oberlin Heritage Center event or other upcoming activities, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700. For more about other activities going

on around town during the community-wide Family Fun Fair, visit www.oberlin.org or call the Oberlin Business Partnership at (440) 774-6262.

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