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Lorain County Physician-Turned-Mystery-Writer Sheds Light on New Book Series

Learn more about mystery writing amidst the setting of Lorain County landmarks when author John A. (Jack) Vanek presents *The Father Jake Austin Mystery Series – Evolution of a Lorain County Sleuth*. Vanek’s program takes place on **Tuesday, April 9 at 7:15 p.m.** at Kendal at Oberlin’s Heiser Auditorium (600 Kendal Drive). The three-part book series, which features the relatable spiritual gumshoe Father Jake Austin, was launched in 2018 with Vanek’s first mystery novel *DEROS*. Vanek followed up this year with *Miracles*, in which Jake’s life is turned upside down by three intersecting plots that focus on the relationship between miracles and science, the clash of facts and faith, and the inexplicable production of unexpected miracles from disastrous events. The Father Jake Austin series is set in Oberlin and Lorain County, and local readers will enjoy not only exciting page-turner stories, but also will be entertained by following the action taking place in and around familiar territory. All are invited to this free community program; no reservations are needed.

John Vanek graduated from Case Western Reserve University, where his passion for creative writing took root. He received his M.D. from the University of Rochester and practiced medicine in Ohio for a quarter century, but his interest in writing never waned. Now retired to Florida, the former Oberlin resident writes steadily and occasionally teaches a poetry workshop for seniors at a local college. He is an active member of the International Thriller Writers. Learn more about Vanek’s writing and other coming book-related events at www.johnvanekauthor.com.

The Father Jake Austin Series is available locally at the Oberlin Heritage Center’s Museum Store located in the Monroe House (73½ South Professor Street in Oberlin) and open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or online at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org.

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