

Duckie's Duck Tales



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HELLO, SENECA COUNTY 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS!

Welcome to the first issue of the Seneca County Museum Student Newsletter; starring the Museum mascot, Duckie McQuacker, and his stories about important events and notable people in the County.

This year Tiffin celebrates its 200th birthday (called a Bicentennial) with many exciting activities related to our city's history. We begin with a look at what happened along the Sandusky River before the founding of Tiffin in 1822. The Seneca County Museum is just around the corner from the Sandusky River.

Duckie McQuacker joined his friend "Seneca Sue" for a walk along the river in search of important historical sites in the "Fort Ball District." So, let's see what they found.



Duckie and Seneca Sue love pizza, so they decided to start their adventure at the Fort Ball Pizza Palace.

Duckie asked, "How did Fort Ball Pizza get its name?"

"It's named after the Fort Ball military fort," explained Sue.

Duckie wondered: "Where was the fort?"

So, they headed to the Sandusky River to find the answer, and soon discovered the

historic marker for Fort Ball, also called Camp Ball, named after Colonel James Ball. The marker tells the story of the War of 1812 when the British and

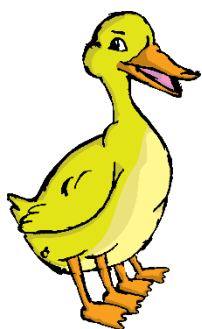


American Indians fought the United States. In 1813, General William Henry Harrison sent Colonel Ball, of the U.S. Army, to build the fort as a place to store military supplies and protect these from the enemy. The City of Tiffin did not exist yet, and the American Indians lived in the wilderness surrounding the fort.

After the war, the army abandoned the fort. Twenty years later a Sycamore tree sprouted from the ruins of Fort Ball. As Duckie and Seneca Sue continued their walk along Frost Parkway, they spotted a bronze tablet embedded into the trunk of a giant Sycamore

tree surrounded by a tall iron fence. The bronze tablet states: "This tree marks the site of Old Fort Ball, built in 1813 by order of General Harrison."

Join us next time, for another adventure with Duckie McQuacker and Seneca Sue.



Can't wait to share another Seneca County adventure with you! Stay tuned!

