

**Bowling Green State University and the Wood County
Historical Society Present *German-American Journalistic
Humor* Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00 PM at the Wood
County Historical Center and Museum**

The Wood County Historical Center and Museum, in partnership with the Department of German, Russian and East Asian Languages at BGSU, will present its annual German-American Program on Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Wood County Historical Center and Museum, 13660 County Home Road in Bowling Green.

Germans are known for many personality traits, including a good sense of humor! From nationally known German-born political cartoonist Thomas Nast, right on down to local columnists. Professor Geoffrey Howes of BGSU will deliver a light-hearted talk about the humor columns written by German Americans in newspapers. Some of the humor involves locally written columns in which the author relates the news from town using English vocabulary, but German pronunciation and syntax. Some examples will be drawn from Pennsylvania Dutch columns, which are harder to understand, but were funny to German-American audiences in Ohio. Dr. Howes will talk about the historical and social circumstances of such humor and then do some readings from the humor columns. Samples of German foods will be provided for tasting. The program is free and open to the public.