Event
On July 14, 2018 Hearthstone Historic House Museum will have a fun day of fishing activities, games, and stories for kids of all ages. The activities begin at 1:00 p.m. with a tour of Hearthstone highlighting the fishing exhibit. ‘Fisherman Frank’ Koffend will highlight displays and fishing stories with the future anglers. After the tour, there will be snacks, a fish racing game with prizes and a special drawing for a $50.00 gift certificate from Scheel’s Sporting Goods. There is no limit on the fun, so catch the spirit of an entertaining afternoon at Hearthstone Historic House Museum. Adults should accompany children.

Background
Hearthstone has one of the best fishing stories yet! It all began in the spring of 1882 with a fishing trip and ended up with electric lights for the city of Appleton.

The fishing story as H.J. Rogers tells it in 1882 is as follows, “An old fishing friend of mine from Fond du Lac, H. E. Jacobs turned up in Appleton on the opening day of the black bass season.” He relates they were like a couple of youngsters playing hooky and took the day off to fish on Lake Winnebago. “It was while we were sitting in the boat that Jacobs began to tell me about his new job. Enthusiastic about it he was and his story about how Edison was building an electric lighting plant in lower New York soon became more interesting than the idea of catching bass.” Jacobs had recently secured a position with the Western Edison Light Company of Chicago.

If the idea that a steam plant could make electricity to burn Edison’s light, why couldn’t water power? Well, the rest is history, because on September 30, 1882, the lights came on in Appleton and Hearthstone became the first house in the world to be lit with hydroelectricity using the Edison system.

Date: July 14, 2018
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Cost: $5 Children 2-18 / $8 Adults / Free Children under 2

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