

HISTORY MATTERS

Spring Issue 2019

Making *History* Come Alive!

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SALUTE TO LOGAN COUNTY AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURING OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH 1:00^{PM} – 4:00^{PM}

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The Logan County History Center will host a *Salute to Logan County Automobile Manufacturing* open house on Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 1:00 to 4:00. The open house will feature exhibits in the Transportation Museum recognizing Logan County's importance in the automobile industry's history, present and future.



We are working with Honda of America to change the Honda exhibit. They will be taking back some of the motorcycles and bringing in several new vehicles. Brian Baker, LCHS president, and I have been talking to many of the local industries who make automobile parts and supply Honda and other automobile manufacturers asking them to provide their histories and products. The items will allow us to design an updated exhibit in the Modern Transportation Bay to go along with the Transportation Research Center exhibit.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH
AT THE LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER.**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
WILL BE SERVED.



The Logan County Museum will also feature a brand-new exhibit on the Mills Brothers. We recently received a large collection of Mills Brothers albums from Patrick Marra whose father was personal friends with the Mills. Mr. Marra's father amassed a massive collection of Mills Brothers albums, cassette tapes, cds, and much more. Mr. Marra is generously donating much of the collection to the Logan County History Center. The new exhibit will feature the many albums in the collection.



LCHC

LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

Logan County History Center

Includes:

The Orr Mansion

The Logan County Museum

The Transportation Museum

Logan County Historical Society

AcuSport Meeting Room

Presidents' Meeting Room

HISTORY CENTER HOURS

Wednesday through Sunday

1:00-4:00 p.m.

ADMISSION BY DONATION

CURATOR/DIRECTOR

K. Todd McCormick

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CURATOR'S CORNER



Todd McCormick

The Logan County Historical Society board members and staff are grateful to have the support of the people of Logan County through our 0.25 mill operating levy. We are proud of the relationship we have with the local elementary schools who come to the History Center for tours and whose classrooms we take on our travelling programs. We are flattered to have all of the different businesses, organizations and school groups that decorate trees for our Christmas open house every year. We are delighted to see friends and families going through the History Center.

We are so very fortunate to have such great and dedicated members and volunteers helping us with all aspects of the Historical Society and History Center.

Yet we can't be complacent. We always would like more support, more students touring, more people visiting and more members and volunteers. We understand we need to make people more aware of what we are doing at the History Center and in the community. We recognize our need to take a bigger role in the community. We know we need help in achieving these goals.

Consequently, the LCHS Board of Trustees has made these goals a priority by forming the Outreach Committee. We foresee this committee being made up with a mixture of people from the community and our members bringing with them fresh ideas and new methods on how we can accomplish our goals. With the Outreach Committee we plan to engage more with the Logan County community. We strive to increase our presence throughout the county by participating in more, and new, off-site events and programs. We need to make the public more aware of our mission of collecting, preserving and promoting Logan County's history and importance. We endeavor to make the Logan County Historical Society and History Center a more recognizable part of the county's identity and in the process support the county more and hopefully earn increased support from the Logan County community.

We need your help! Again, we see the Outreach Committee consisting of people from the community and our membership. If you are interested in serving on the Outreach Committee or know a friend, a coworker, member of a service club or your church, who would be good on the Outreach Committee, please contact us at 593-7557 or email at tmccormick@loganhistory.org.

We are also needing people on several other committees:

- Levy Committee – we are planning to have our 5-year 0.25 mill operating levy on the November ballot this fall. We need people to help promote and help get the levy passed.
- Fundraising Committee – we are looking to revitalize the Fundraising Committee. The committee has done some great work over the last 8 years, but we have lost some of the members and need to replace them with new people and fresh ideas.

Thank you,
Todd McCormick
Curator/Director

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



Monthly \$20 Gift Certificate Drawing

December 2018 Winner: **Nancy Ledley**

January 2019 Winner: **Sally Stephan**

February 2019 Winner: **Charlie Patrick**

2019



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

03 Mary Rutan Luncheon - Private	11:00am Atrium
06 Building Committee Meeting	8:30am Pres. Rm
08 Piecemakers Meeting	7:00pm Pres. Rm
09 Athenian Club Meeting	7:00pm Pres. Rm
13 DAR Meeting	10:30am Pres. Rm
16 Logan County Leadership	7:30am AcuSport Rm
17 Society Meeting	7:00pm AcuSport Rm
17 School Docent Training	10:30am Center
21 CLOSED Easter Sunday	----
24 Docent Training	6:30pm Center
28 Salute to Logan County Transportation Open House	1pm - 4pm Center
29 IL 3rd Gr Landmarks Bus Tour	8:15am Center+
29 Young Historians Meeting	6:00pm Pres. Rm
30 IL 3rd Gr Landmarks Bus Tour	8:15am Center+

MAY

03 Indians to Honda 3rd Gr Program	Bellef. Intermediate
04 Building Committee Meeting	8:30am Pres. Rm
06 Bellef 3rd Gr Landmarks Bus Tour	9:30am County
07 Bellef 3rd Gr Landmarks Bus Tour	9:30am County
08 & 09 Ben Logan's Logan Cty Landmarks	All day-Bus tour
09 Trustee Meeting	7:00pm Pres. Rm
11 DAR Meeting	10:30am Pres. Rm
13 Bellef 3rd Gr Center Tour	8:30am Center
13 Piecemakers Meeting	7:00pm Pres. Rm
14 Bellef 3rd Gr Center Tour	8:30am Center
14 Athenian Club Meeting	7:00pm Pres. Rm
17 Riverside 4th Gr Center Tour	8:45am History Center
22 Genealogical Society Board Meeting	6:00pm Pres. Rm
25-27 CLOSED Memorial Day Holiday	

JUNE

01 Building Committee Meeting	8:30am Pres. Rm
08 DAR Meeting	10:30am Pres. Rm
10 Piecemakers Work Session	12:00pm Pres. Rm
10 Piecemakers Meeting	7:00pm Pres. Rm
11 Athenian Club Meeting	7:00pm Pres. Rm
19 Society Meeting	7:00pm AcuSport Rm

JULY

06 Building Committee Meeting	8:30am Pres. Rm
08 Piecemakers Meeting	7:00pm Pres. Rm
09 Athenian Club Meeting	7:00pm Pres. Rm
11 Trustee Meeting	7:00pm AcuSport Rm
24 Genealogy Board Meeting	6:00pm Pres. Rm

MEETING NOTICE

No April Historical Society Membership Meeting

We will not have an April Historical Society Membership meeting. Instead we hope you will attend the *Salute to Logan County Automobile Manufacturing* Open House at the Logan County History Center on Sunday, April 28th from 1:00 to 4:00.

DOCENT TRAINING SESSIONS

We are entering our busy time with the local schools through the traveling programs we take into the schools, school field trips to the History Center and our 3rd Grade Logan County Landmark Field Trip grant program. Over the last few years every Logan County school district, including West Liberty-Salem, as well as several schools from outside the county have visited the museum or taken part in the Logan County Landmark field trip or have taken advantage of our traveling programs. In some cases, all three. We are very proud of our growing relationship with the schools.

Since we have so many field trips to the History Center, we depend on quite a few of our volunteers to be school tour guides. In fact, we always need more and hope some of you reading this article will want to come help or may know someone who would like to be one of our school tour docents. We will have a **SCHOOL GROUP DOCENT TRAINING SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH AT 10:00 A.M.** We need your help so please consider being a school group tour guide.

We will also have our **"REGULAR" DOCENT TRAINING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH AT 6:30 P.M.** for those interested in being docents during the History Center's normal hours (Wednesday-Sunday 1:00-4:00). We encourage our current and any potential docents to come to this training. This year we are again going to do something a little different. After going over the "nuts & bolts" of how to docent, we will divide the docents into teams and go on a scavenger hunt throughout the History Center, so they can learn more about the artifacts and exhibits. It should be lots of fun and even educational!

Please RSVP to either or both docent trainings by calling the office at 593-7557 or email me at tmccormick@loganhistory.org. We need more docents so please bring family and friends who you think would make a great docent!

The Mills Brothers Through Time



John H. Mills born **1883**

John C. Mills born in Piqua, Ohio **1910**

Herbert Mills born in Piqua, Ohio **1912**

Harry Mills born in Piqua, Ohio **1913**

Donald Mills born in Piqua, Ohio **1915**

The brothers appear on WLW Radio in Cincinnati as *Four Boys and a Guitar* **1925**

Mills Family moves to Bellefontaine **1928**

Sign a contract with CBS Radio **1929**

Tiger Rag becomes the Mills Brothers first hit record **1931**

Record *Goodbye Blues* and *Dinah* with Bing Crosby **1932**

Appear in the movie *The Big Broadcast of 1933* **1933**

Perform King George and Queen Mary at the Palladium in London **1934**

Play the Apollo Theater in Harlem for the first time **1935**

John C. dies of pneumonia at the family home in Bellefontaine
and father, John H., takes his place in the group **1936**

You Tell Me Your Dream, I'll Tell You Mine **1939**

Paper Doll becomes the group's most popular record
and will eventually sell over 15 million copies **1943**

You Always Hurt the One You Love and *'Til Then* **1944**



1949 *I Love You So Much It Hurts*

1951 *Daddy's Little Girl*

1952 *Glow Worm* and *Lazy River*

1955 *Opus One*

1957 *Queen of the Senior Prom*

1959 *Yellow Bird*

1968 *Cab Driver* and John H. dies

1975 50th Anniversary Concert in Los Angeles

1981 Mills Brothers perform last concert as a trio in Atlantic City

1983 Harry Mills dies and Herbert retires

1984 Donald and son, John, begin touring as *John and Donald Mills of the Mills Brothers*

1989 Herbert Mills dies

1998 The Mills Brothers receive a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences during Grammy's week in Los Angeles

Donald and John Mills perform in concert at Indian Lake High School

1999 Donald Mills dies

2000 City of Bellefontaine names Amphitheater at Southview Park after the Mills Brothers and the Logan County Historical Society, the Ohio Bicentennial Commission, the Longaberger Legacy Initiative and the Ohio Historical Society erected an Ohio Historical Marker in honor of the Mills Brothers at the park. The marker has since been moved to Brown Park in Bellefontaine.



December 6, 2018



March 14, 2019

G. Bruce & Louise Norris – Honda Homecoming admission wristband, Big Four/ New York Central history brochure from Dayton History/Carillon Park

Ralph Wood – Hopewell Dairy milk bottle, chalk art prizes from the Indian Lake amusement park, local church commemorative items

Pam Stock – Diary of S.M. Wellman from 1867. M. Wellman lived in the Bellefontaine/Zanesfield area

David Kennedy – 1948 Sound recordings of Dade Kennedy (Gen. Robert Patterson Kennedy's daughter) Giving a D.A.R. speech about Isaac and Myeerah Zane who were ancestors of the Kennedy family

Robert Gene Detrick – Cleveland Plain Dealer 1937 article about the Piatt Castles, D.A.R. items from Mrs. Winifred (Doan) Rexer of DeGraff, who was National Regional Vice Chairman of D.A.R. Museum Committee

Ohio Ready Mix – Framed photographs of late 19th/early 20th century quarry equipment

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Cheryl Russell – West Liberty Labor Day Festival buttons

Kenny & Joan Harr – Brainard's New Method Organ booklet printed for Chas. S. Hockett, Bellefontaine, 1875

Randy & Torri Schmidt – Money bag from Colonial Federal Savings & Loan Association, Bellefontaine, Ohio

Richard & Jeanne Vicario Estate – Various BHS sports programs, articles on Mr. Vicario when he was Bellefontaine mayor

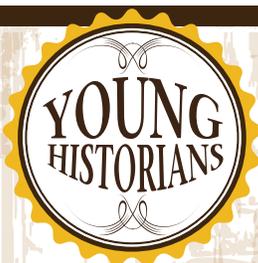
Constance Morgan – Local Red Hat Society's annual scrapbooks, hats, books, banner, etc.

Phil Forsythe and Betsy Forsythe Shoffstall – Minutes book from the Logan County Rural Youth Council, January 15, 1938 - May 6, 1939. Tom Forsythe, the donors' father, was the group's secretary

John Michael & Barbara Hart – Mills Brothers oversized poster promoting a week of performances at the Maramar club in Columbus

David Keller – Hay Hook

Lou Ann Sanford – TV Guide (1/25/1964), assorted newspapers from the 1980s-90s



The Young Historians' year of the *Tastes of Logan County* is winding down. After missing the January meeting due to the weather, we talked about several of the foods and restaurants for which Logan County is famous at the February meeting. After learning about these foods and places, the members teamed up and went on a scavenger hunt to find Marie's Candies' molded chocolates in the shape of trains, tractors and other figures that fit in with some of the museum's exhibits. The Young Historians had fun finding the chocolates and even more fun eating them!

The Young Historians will meet again on March 26th. LCHS Archivist & Assistant Curator, Beth Marshall, will be talking about how past and current Logan Countians preserve food. As an added bonus the Young Historians will get a sample of some preserved yummys! The final Young Historians meeting will be on April 29th. We will have our annual end of the year party and enjoy some more of Logan County's most popular foods. The meetings will be 6:00-7:00 in the Presidents' Room.

We will start up the next year of the Young Historians in the fall. Look in the summer issue of the History Matters for more information. The Young Historians is open to 1st graders on up. If you have any questions, please call Todd at 593-7557 or email at tmccormick@loganhistory.org.

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January 2019

Rodney Coleman, *West Liberty*
John Dete, *West Liberty*
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Tim Goforth, *Lakeview*

Lucille Jenkins, *Huntsville*
William & Linda Mcglothlin, *Bellefontaine*
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Welcome to our New Members!



February 2019

Tom & Tammy Allison, *Bellefontaine*
Beverly Coleman, *Rushsylvania*
Randall Dodds, *Bellefontaine*
Connie Hempy, *Rushsylvania*
Penny Hudson, *Rushsylvania*
Ronald Kohlrieser, *Russells Point*
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Ohio Ready Mix, *Huntsville*
Purdy's Auto Service, Llc, *Russells Point*
Steve Austin's Auto Group, *Bellefontaine*

March 2019

Kevin Moore, *Lakeview*
Roxanne Muncy, *East Liberty*
Barbara Weaver, *Quincy*
Choice Properties Real Estate, *Russells Point*
Duff Quarry, Inc., *Huntsville*
Eichholtz Daring & Sanford F.H., *Bellefontaine*
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If you have any questions please contact Todd at (937) 593-7557 or email at tmccormick@loganhistory.org.

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DUES:

Family - \$30 Senior & Student - \$15
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Individual Lifetime - \$300

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I would like to help with (check as many as apply):

- _____ OUTREACH Committee volunteer
- _____ FUNDRAISING Committee volunteer
- _____ LEVY Committee volunteer

Other volunteering opportunities:

- _____ Adult Tours docent
- _____ Student Tours docent
- _____ Reg. Open Hours tours docent
- _____ Open House docent/volunteer
- _____ Halloween KidFest
- _____ Christmas decorating of museum
- _____ Christmas Open House docent/volunteer
- _____ Building Committee volunteer
- _____ Programs Committee volunteer
- _____ Docent Committee volunteer
- _____ Photography volunteer
- _____ Other, explain _____



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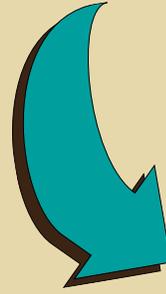
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