**MAKING HISTORY FUN**

**(AND MAYBE EVEN LEARNING**

**SOMETHING ALONG THE WAY)**

Local historical society museums have three main functions. The first is to collect history through artifacts, documents, photographs etc. The second task is to preserve history which they do by caring for the collected artifacts. Thirdly, local historical society museums need to educate or promote history, whether it is through exhibits, publications, speeches or by many other means.

Its role as an educator is one that the Logan County History Center believes in strongly. No group is more important to educate about local history and history in general than Logan County students, especially elementary students. LCHC wants to become a positive partner with the area schools to help promote and educate students about Logan County’s rich history and do it in a fun way.

The Logan County History Center offers a variety of both on-site and traveling programs that will entertain and teach students about different aspects of the county’s history from Indians to one-room schools to the railroad to strange tools used by our ancestors. Classes can tour the Logan County History Center or attend the Flatwoods School and experience life in one-room school for a day. LCHC can also go to the schools with several traveling exhibits and programs like *From Indians to Honda: High Points in Logan County History; Blue Jacket Lived Here: Indian History in Logan County; Local Footsteps: A Living Timeline of Famous Logan Countians; That Was Then, This is Now; Whatizzit?;* and *Games of the Past*.

**I MADE HISTORY AT THE**

**LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER:**

**SCHOOL TOURS**

For many years, the Logan County History Center has opened its doors for the students of Logan County, and beyond, for field trips that allow the students to take a visual step back into Logan County history as they see exhibits and artifacts that illustrate various aspects of the county’s past.

Students tour through the History Center which includes a dozen themed exhibit rooms such as the Early Logan County Room (Indian/Settler), Military Room, Indian Lake Room, School Room, Communications Room, Business & Industry Room, Toy Room, and others. The tour also includes several permanent and temporary exhibits.

In addition, the students tour the 1906 neo-classical Orr Mansion built by local lumber baron William Orr. This renovation has brought the Orr Mansion back to original grandeur or at least very close to it.

Of course, student tours also include the Logan County Transportation Museum. The new museum features the following exhibit bays and exhibits: Early Transportation, Railroad, Aviation, A.J. Miller, Modern-Day, Honda of America and other rotating exhibits.

Tours are led by our volunteers and staff. The tour guides are knowledgeable and enjoy working with children. The students are given several hand-outs that can be worked on back at school or at home. Nearly 1,000 students toured the Logan County History Center each year.

School tours can be scheduled during anytime of the year. The maximum number of students the Museum can handle at one time around sixty, but we may be able to make exceptions for more. We ask for at least one teacher or parent for every ten students. There is no charge for the students or the adults. Please allow at least one hour for the tour.

Please contact Curator/Director Todd McCormick at (937) 593-7557 or email at [tmccormick@loganhistory.org](mailto:tmccormick@loganhistory.org) to schedule a tour or if you have any questions.

**FLATWOODS ONE-ROOM SCHOOL**

**FIELD TRIP**

Flatwoods Schoollocated in Veterans’ Park in West Mansfield is a restored one-room school operated by the Logan County Historical Society. The school was built in Bokescreek Township by members of the black settlement of Flatwoods. The school operated from the 1860s to the 1920s. It was then used as a barn for many years. In the late 1990s the building was going to be torn down. A group of students from Bellefontaine Middle School and their teacher Kris Swisher wanted to save the school. The students raised more than $30,000 to have the school moved to its current location. The students also researched the history of the school and developed lesson plans so current students could take field trips to the Flatwoods School and be taught in a one-room school setting. The students won many awards for their project of saving the school.

The Logan County History Center restored the school, and it is now open for field trips. Students will learn what it was like to go to one-room school and compare it to today’s school. In addition, they will learn more about the history of the Flatwoods School and his preservation. Students can also play on the playground at Veterans’ Park. The park also has a picnic shelter and bathrooms. While one group/class is inside the Flatwoods School the other group/class can be playing on the playground &/or eating lunch. The general presentation inside the school building is usually 30-45 minutes.

The moving of the school and its restoration were headed up by then LCHS trustee & Buildings & Grounds Committee chair Ralph Wood. Mr. Wood took the lead in many projects for LCHS and the museum during his time on the Board of Trustees and as the Building & Grounds Committee Chair, including the restoration/historic renovation of the Orr Mansion in the late 1990s & early 2000s. We thank Ralph for his time and dedication to LCHS.

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**FROM INDIANS TO HONDA:**

**HIGH POINTS IN**

**LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY**

*From Indians to Honda: High Points in Logan County History* is a traveling exhibit/program that looks at several main themes and subjects in Logan County history by using artifacts and other items from the Logan County Museum’s collections.

Logan County’s rich Indian history can be seen through stone projectile points used by prehistoric or precontact Indians thousands of years ago who hunted on the land that is now Logan County. Students will also see metal tools and other items of the historic Indians who called Logan County home in the late 18th century when this area had one of the largest concentrations of Indian villages in the Old Northwest.

The program also takes students back to the railroad era of Logan County when 1 in 4 people employed in the county worked for the railroad, and hundreds of passenger and freight trains stopped in Bellefontaine each week.

In addition, students will meet some of the famous people who have lived in Logan County at one time or another during their careers.

Students will also see why Bellefontaine and Logan County is known for being the *Oldest* (concrete street), *Highest* (highest point in Ohio) and *Shortest* (shortest street).

Other topics include important of agriculture in Logan County, one-room schools, industries (past & present) in Logan County, Indian Lake’s history as one of Ohio’s premier resorts and vacation destinations.

This program is set up to either be presented by a representative from the Logan County Historical Society or by teachers borrowing the traveling program. For more information or to a presentation contact Todd at (937) 593-7557 or email at [tmccormick@loganhistory.org](mailto:tmccormick@loganhistory.org).

**BLUE JACKET LIVED HERE:**

**INDIAN HISTORY IN**

**LOGAN COUNTY**

*Blue Jacket Lived Here* is a traveling program that discusses the rich American Indian history in Logan County. The exhibit begins with a look at the prehistoric peoples that hunted and lived in the Logan County area 400 to more than 10,000 years ago. Students will be able to look at stone projectile points and tools used by these people that have been found in Logan County.

The presentation then moves on to the historic Indians that lived, hunted, and fought in Logan County. This area was the home to nearly a dozen villages of the Shawnee, Wyandot, and Delaware Indians, as well as being the site of the Lewistown Reservation for members of the Shawnee and Seneca tribes. Once again students will see artifacts from these people that have been found in the county over the years, as well as supplemental graphics, pictures and maps that help tell the story of the historic Indians that once roamed these lands.

*Blue Jacket Lived Here* also takes a look at the relationship between the Indians and whites. Students will look at some of the Americans who helped make Logan County history like Isaac Zane, Benjamin Logan, our county’s namesake, and renowned frontiersman Simon Kenton, as well as some of the county’s early settlers.

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**LOCAL FOOTSTEPS:**

**A LIVING TIMELINE**

**OF FAMOUS AND NOT-SO-FAMOUS**

**LOGAN COUNTIANS**

The Logan County Historical Society is offering a new traveling exhibit starting in the fall of 2004. *Local Footsteps: A Living Timeline of Famous and Not-So-Famous Logan Countians* is a program in which students dress up as well-known and not-so-well-known people who have called Logan County home at one time or another. The students read a short biography of their person to the rest of the class or classes, parents or whomever you wish to perform this program, while dressed in clothes similar to what their person may have worn.

The Young Historians Club of the Logan County Historical Society, along with curator/director, researched a variety of men and women who lived in Logan County at some point in their lives. The Young Historians wrote a short biography of these people (the biographies on the cream paper are for the students to read while the blue sheets have additional information on some of the subjects for the teachers’ use). The Young Historians created costumes that are representative of the people and time they are portraying.

*Local Footsteps: A Living Timeline of Famous and Not-So-Famous Logan Countians* is available to use in the classroom or at the Logan County Museum. Local Footsteps was geared to be used with third grade students since they study local history, but other grades are also welcomed to use it. The Benjamin Logan 4th grade has done a similar program for famous Ohioans called *STROLL* for many years that has been well received by teachers, students and parents.

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**WHAT HAPPENED IN THE YEAR…?:**

**A TIMELINE OF IMPORTANT DATES**

**IN LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY**

***What Happened in the Year…?*** is a timeline activity in which students will place important dates in Logan County history in chronological order. Each student will have one or two historical events that they will read to the rest of the class and then place in the correct sequential order on a magnetic timeline that can be set up in the front of the classroom. Most of the historical events also have a graphic (i.e. photograph, illustration, map) that the students will pass around to help better understand the event. The classroom teacher can lead this activity or have a representative from the Logan County History Center come into the classroom.

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***THAT WAS THEN***

***THIS IS NOW***

*That Was Then This Is Now* is a traveling exhibit/program in which students compare and contrast artifacts from the late 19th/early 20th centuries to similar modern items, some of which can be found in the classroom or school building. An example would be a cornhusk doll compared to modern store-bought doll. Historical Society staff or volunteers can come to the classroom to lead the activity or teachers can do it on their own.

Student volunteers (limited to 4) dress up in “old” and “new” clothing can help with the presentation by holding up the artifacts.

This is an excellent visual activity. It helps show how technology has changed the way things are made, but at the while the appearances of some things have changed, their functions have remained similar.

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**THAT WAS THEN,**

**THIS IS NOW**

**THEN NOW**

Butter bowl/paddle Parkay Package

Potato masher (wood) Potato Masher (plastic)

Curling Iron Curling Iron

Candle Flashlight

Kerosene Lamp *Overhead Light*

Peg Nail

Wrapped Package Wal-Mart Sack

Rug Beater Vacuum

Ladle/Cup Water Bottle

Quill Pen/Pencil

Stereoscope View Finder

Lye Soap Liquid Soap

Doll Doll

Brace & Bit Drill

Canning Jar Canned Good

Pot Scrubber Brillo Pad

Base Ball Baseball

Candle Mold Store Candle

Spile Syrup Bottle

Slate Pad of Paper

Cylinder Phonograph Compact Disk

Iron Electric Iron

Stapler Stapler

Hair Clippers (manual) Hair Clippers (electric)

Telephone Cell Phone

Camera Camera

Ice Tongs & Ice Pick Ice Cube Tray

\*Artifacts are not limited to this list and may change.

**WHATIZZIT?**

*Whatizzit?* is one of the Logan County History Center’s most popular traveling exhibits/programs for both students and adults. The program consists of a variety of odd and unique items from the Museum’s collections that the audience members try to figure out each artifact’s identity or function.

The presenter (LCHC staff/volunteers or classroom teacher) can give hints about the artifact to help the audience. Another option is for the presenter to give the audience members a choice of three possibilities with one being the correct answer.

This latter option can be altered a little for older groups to become the *Liar’s Club*. In the *Liar’s Club* three panelists give the audience three different versions of the artifact’s function. Generally, two panelists give false descriptions and the third gives the correct one, but every once in a while all three can “lie.” This can be very entertaining, especially if you have funny panelists.

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**WHATIZZIT?**

**Content List**

* Exercise Club
* Potato Masher
* Lemon Squeezer
* Cylinder Phonograph
* Mousetrap
* Rope Maker
* Ether Mask
* Bottle Capper
* Hand Warmer
* Grippers
* Curling Iron
* Reflex Hammer
* Candle Mold
* Wood Grainer
* Unidentified tool (Leatherwork?)
* Pickle Scoop
* Caboose Marker
* Cream Remover
* Nutmeg Grater
* Folding Hanger
* Automobile Wheel Lock (Anti-threat)
* Window Prop
* Knob & Tube Wiring Tube
* Railroad Link Pin
* Spile
* Sharpener
* Double Caliper
* Pastry Cutter
* Fleam (Bloodletting)
* Marking Gauge
* Handheld Toaster
* Brace & Bit
* Cobbler Hammer
* Railroad Wheel Gauge
* Loom Shuttle
* Soapstone Foot Warmer
* Window Prop
* Unknown
* Caliper
* Butter Mold
* Leg cast pattern
* Unknown metal tool
* Unknown wooden object
* Music Box disk
* Metal ornamental piece from light or string holder or unknown

\*Artifacts not limited to this list and may change.

**GAMES OF THE PAST**

*Games of the Past* is an interactive program in which students play games that were popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. *Games of the Past* can be taken into the schools or be part of a program at the Logan County Museum for smaller groups, i.e. Scouts or clubs.

*Games of the Past* includes a listing of many popular old time games and activities, as well as descriptions and instructions on how they are played. Many of the games do not need any type of equipment, such as *Duck, Duck, Goose*. We have included the necessary equipment for most of the other games.

*Games of the Past* can be done purely for fun or as part of course of study. You may want to take a week of recesses and play one or two of the games during each recess. You may also play certain games as a companion activity with reading such books as Little House on the Prairie or other books set in the post-Civil War to pre-WWI era, which was height of many of these games or activities.

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**OLD TIME GAMES & TOYS**

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

* Duck, Duck, Goose
* Marbles
* Dominoes
* Hopscotch
* String Games
* Push the Potato
* Jacks
* Eggs-in-the-Spoon
* Simon Says
* Old Maid
* Skittles
* Tops
* Three-Legged Race
* Hoop and Stick
* Jump Rope Games & Rhymes
* Kick the Can
* Hide-and-Seek
* Gossip/Telegraph
* Buzz (math)
* Nine Digits (math)
* Red Lion
* Red Rover
* Ring Around the Rosie
* Charades
* Scavenger Hunt
* Stilts
* Leapfrog
* 20 Questions
* Tug-of-War
* Tag
* Hunt the Ring
* Follow-the-Leader
* Who Am I?
* Tiddley Winks
* Pick-Up Sticks