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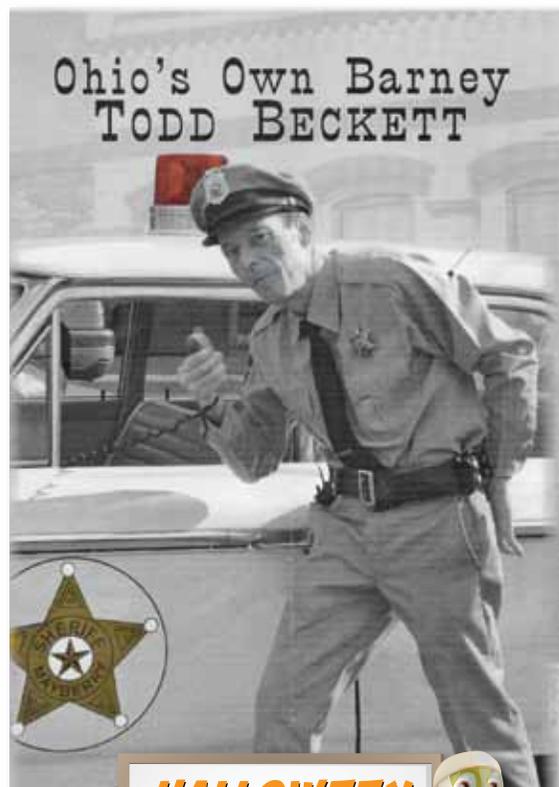
Making *History* Come Alive!

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Andy Griffith Show's Barney Fife!

The Logan County Historical Society is pleased to announce that this year's annual Halloween KidFest will feature an appearance by Barney Fife tribute artist Todd Beckett from Massillon, Ohio. Mr. Beckett, along with his harmonica, his authentically restored 1963 Ford Galaxy Mayberry police cruiser and of course his one bullet, will be appearing in the atrium of the Logan County History Center's Transportation Museum from 1:00 to 4:00, Saturday, October 22. This event promises to be a fun filled day for both kids and adults. For the younger generations who may not be familiar with the Andy Griffith TV series from the 60s, there will be old episodes of the Andy Griffith show playing on the TV monitors throughout the Transportation Museum. We encourage you to get into the swing of things by dressing as your favorite Mayberry character and test your knowledge of Andy Griffith Show trivia. Try to stump Barney and see if he can stump you! It is being rumored that Barney may even join in on the annual KidFest costume contest. Hmm... I wonder who he might dress as?



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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

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Todd McCormick



YOUNG HISTORIANS - 2016-2017

The Young Historians Club is starting its 15th year of fun and learning about Logan County history. This year's theme will be Logan County Arts. We will be looking at some art works done by local artists as well as creating a few of our own pieces of art based on Logan County's history and landscape. Some of our projects may even be put on exhibit for the Logan County History Center's Salute to Logan County Artists & Authors open house on Sunday, April 30, 2017.

Once again the meeting dates will generally be alternating 4th Mondays and Tuesdays of each month from 6:00-7:00. There will be some months that we will have to meet on different Mondays or Tuesdays due to holidays, school schedules and scheduling conflicts at the museum. The following is the tentative 2016-2017 schedule for the Young Historians, the days, times and topics may change. Due to scheduling conflicts we will not be meeting in September. Our first meeting will be on October 24th. We will once again meet in the Presidents' Room of the Logan County History Center, 521 E. Columbus Ave. Bellefontaine, Ohio.

- * October 24th (Mon.) 6:00-7:00 - Introduction to this year's theme Logan County Art
- * November 15th (Tue.) 6:00-7:00 - Christmas Tree Decorations. Note this is the third Tuesday due to the Thanksgiving Holidays the following week.
- * December 12 (Mon.) 6:00-7:00 - Christmas Party. Note this is the second Monday due to the Christmas Holidays.
- * January 24th (Tue.) 6:00-7:00 - Logan County Coloring Pages
- * February 27th (Mon.) 6:00-7:00 - Kin Hubbard (Cartoonist) - Young Historians will create & draw their own comic strip.
- * March 28th (Tue.) 6:00-7:00 - Warren Cushman (Painter & Sculptor) - Young Historians will sculpt favorite LCHC artifact to hang on a Logan County Mobile.
- * April 24th (Mon.) 6:00-7:00 - Art project to be determined
- * May 23rd (Tue.) 6:00-7:00 - End of School Year Ice Cream Sundae Party

The Young Historians is open to 1st graders on up. We hope past members will return for another year and we welcome newcomers. If you have any questions, please call Todd at 593-7557 or email at tmccormick@loganhistory.org.

See you soon, Todd

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



Monthly \$20 Gift Certificate Drawing

- June Winner: Dee Ricketts**
- July Winner: Bill McCormick**
- August Winner: Bob Notestine**

MEETING NOTICE

Historical Society Membership Meeting October 19, 2016, 7:00p.m.

The Historical Society Membership Meeting will feature Bellefontaine native John W. Guy talking about his book *Into the Ditch*. The book is about Mr. Guy's time working in labor relations at the Chevrolet plant in Flint, Michigan during the 1960s and the interaction and conflict between management and the UAW. Mr. Guy will also discuss his time growing up in Bellefontaine, including his memories of his uncle Clarence Wissler.

The meeting will be at 7:00 pm in the AcuSport Room of the Transportation Museum. Light refreshments will be served.

Halloween KIDFEST

For kids ages 4-12
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Saturday October 22nd from 1:00-3:30

Kids' Costume Contest for 4-12 year olds at 3:30

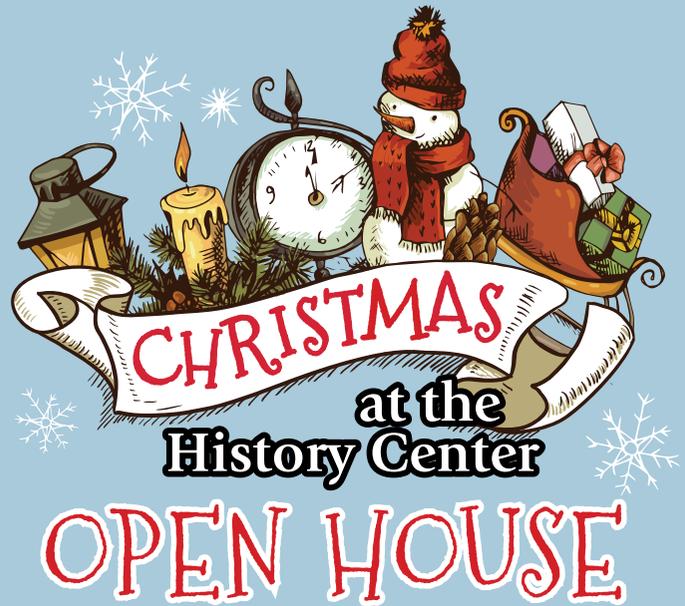
ADMISSION: 1 non-perishable food item per person to go to Logan County Food Banks

**at the Logan County Museum,
521 E Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine**

**Enjoy: *Spooky Museum Trick-or-Treat
* Lots of Games & Activities**

**Kids' Costume Contest Categories:
Scariest, Cutest, Most Original, Best Overall**

Would **you** like to help us with the History Center's annual **Halloween KidFest**? We need people to help decorate the rooms in the museum, dress in costume and hand out candy during the **KidFest** or help with kids' activities in the Presidents' Room. If you are interested, please contact the office at **593-7557** or email Todd at **tmccormick@loganhistory.org**. We will start decorating the museum the week of October 17th. The **KidFest** will be on October 22nd from 1:00 to 3:30. We have many Halloween decorations you can use or you can bring in your own. Decorations need to be taken down by October 25th.



**521 E Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine
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December 10th & 11th
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Share the Spirit of Christmas with us!

We are needing people to help decorate the History Center for our Christmas Open House. This includes decorating the 15' tree in the Transportation Museum, rooms on the 2nd floor of the Orr Mansion and the outside of the History Center and mansion. We also have spots open if you have a business or organization that would like to decorate a tree in the museum hallway or a room on the 1st floor of the Orr Mansion. If you are interested please contact Beth Marshall, Christmas Open House committee chair, at 593-7557 or bmarshall@loganhistory.org.



PRESIDENTS IN

The railroad affected Logan County in many ways, including bringing many famous people to the area, especially politicians.

The late 19th century/first half of the 20th century saw several presidents or presidential candidates give “whistle stop” speeches in Bellefontaine and the county. You have to remember that back then television was not yet invented and radio was just becoming popular so people did not “see” or “hear” the president as often as we do today on television. Thus, presidential hopefuls had to go out among the people more to help get their political ideas and plans to the voters.

On October 13, 1890 President Benjamin Harrison spoke briefly in DeGraff, where a group of students welcomed him to the village. Harrison then made another brief stop and speech in Bellefontaine. Bellefontaine schools were released early that day so students could see the president.

William McKinley came to Bellefontaine on several occasions first as Governor of Ohio in 1891, again in 1894 for the dedication of Memorial Hall and then as President of the U.S. in 1897. McKinley’s Democratic opponent William Jennings Bryan also came to Logan County.

The first half of the 20th century saw several presidents or presidential hopefuls in Logan County. President Theodore Roosevelt spoke in Bellefontaine in 1907. He came back in 1912 when he ran for President on the Progressive Party ticket. William Howard Taft stopped and spoke in both Bellefontaine and West Liberty. Woodrow Wilson also campaigned in Logan County. In the 1920s Warren G. Harding came to Bellefontaine as did Herbert Hoover.

The 1930s and 40s brought Franklin Delano Roosevelt and two of his opponents, Wendell Wilkie and Thomas Dewey. President Harry Truman also stopped and spoke in Bellefontaine in 1952 campaigning for Adlai Stevenson. The same year saw half of the Republican ticket come to Bellefontaine with Vice-Presidential candidate Richard Nixon speaking to a large crowd in hopes of having them vote for the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket.

During the 1992 election President George Bush passed through West Mansfield and then on through Ridgeway, where the train slowed but did not stop. Bill Clinton also came through the county but did not stop.

This list may not include all of the presidents and candidates that came to Bellefontaine on the railroad. However, this impressive list does show yet another reason why the railroad was so important to the area’s history.



OHIO GREET A SHIRT-SLEEVED CAMPAIGNER: GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT Speaking to a Crowd Which Gathered When His Train Stopped at Bellefontaine. (Times Wide World Photos, Cleveland Bureau)

Photograph taken from the September 18, 1932 issue of *The New York Times* the Democratic Presidential Nominee Franklin D. Roosevelt during his stop in Bellefontaine.

Donated by Dave Haw



Whistle Stop campaign in West Liberty in 1900’s. Speaker is not identified.

Vice-President Candidate Richard M. Nixon came to Bellefontaine in 1952 campaigning for Republican Eisenhower-Nixon ticket.



LOGAN COUNTY



William McKinley came to Bellefontaine on several occasions as Governor of Ohio and as President. The city went all-out in its decorating the streets and buildings for one of McKinley's trips.



In the background:
A large crowd gathered to listen to Nixon.



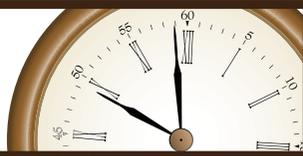
William Howard Taft spoke in Bellefontaine (shown). He also campaigned in West Liberty in 1912. *Photograph from Ron Irick*



President Harry Truman campaigning for fellow Democrat and presidential hopeful Adlai Stevenson in 1952.



2016



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 01** Building Committee Meeting 8:30 a.m.
- 19** Society Meeting, *Into The Ditch* by John Guy 7:00 p.m.
- 17-23** MUSEUM CLOSED for decorating and KidFest
- 22** Halloween KidFest 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- 25** Docent Training 6:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 05** Building & Christmas Committees Tree Setup 8:30 a.m.
- 10** Trustee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 23-27** CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday-Center & Society Office

DECEMBER

- 3 & 4** NO Building Committee Meeting
Christmas at the History Center
Open House 1-5:00
- 10 & 11** Christmas at the History Center
Open House 1-5:00
- 07** Society Christmas Carry-In Dinner Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 22 to Jan 2** CLOSED-History Center & Society Office-CLOSED

Don't Forget

DOCENT TRAINING

October 25th at 6:00 pm

The next docent training is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m. It is important for all of our docents or possible docents to attend these trainings. We will discuss the ins and outs of being a docent including giving tours, where light switches are, helping visitors in the gift shop including **how to use the new Square Register**, and much more. So please try to make it. Be sure to allow approximately 2 hours for the training. Please bring friends and family members who might be interested in becoming docents.

If you absolutely cannot make it on October 25th, I can also give you an individual training. Additionally, you can come during open hours (Wednesday-Sunday 1:00-4:00) and follow some of our more experienced docents around the History Center.

Please call the office at 593-7557 or email Todd at tmccormick@loganhistory.org if you have any questions. We really do appreciate all that our volunteers do to make this such a wonderful organization and museum!

Logan County Historical Society's Membership

CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING December 7th at 6:00 pm

For this year's Membership Christmas meeting we are again asking everyone to bring finger foods (or whatever you want) for a light dinner and camaraderie. We will have the dinner and meeting in the Presidents' Room. This will also be an important meeting as we will be voting on our new 2017 Board of Trustees and Officers.

Everyone will have the opportunity to view the Christmas trees and decorations throughout the entire History Center. We hope to see you here on December 7th at 6:00 p.m. Please try to come and bring your family and friends!

June 1, 2016



September 8, 2016

Don & Susan Corwin – Fawcett Distributor uniform shirt of Bruce Fawcett, 1984 Logan Co. Plat Directory

Ralph & Ann Wood – Military patches, local business ephemera/keepsakes

Terry & Susan Conley – 1950s home movies of Miss Indian Lake Parade and dredging being done at Indian Lake

Bruce & Louise Norris – local newspapers, 1951 Zanesfield 9th Grade class photo, Bellefontaine First United Methodist Church directories, booklets & programs

Hubbard family – letters to and from William Hubbard, WWI gas mask

Shawndel Wilson – board games from 1960s-80s, children's clothing, Citizens Bank of DeGraff artifacts

Dave Keller – Photograph of the Whitetown School in Richland Twp.

Peggy Barlup – Newspaper articles on closing of I.L. amusement park, 4-H trip to New York City

Marjorie MacGillivray – Gilbert "Red" Harre photos and newspaper articles

Tim McPherson – Polaroid Land Camera

Pat & Dick Ortili – Electrified oil lamp, 1920s radio, 1880s daybed, Zenith console radio, glass slide Lantern, dresser scarf, hand towels.

Elaine DeMarsh – Apollo 11 commemorative coin, carbide lamp

Virginia A. Fergus – 8mm movie camera, Sharp Camcorder and Polaroid camera

Jim DeLong – Postcard/Advertisement for Summer 2016 West Liberty events using 1908 Temperance Parade photo/postcard

Judy & Leon Snyder – horse & buggy harnesses

Karen Neider – Parlor furniture set

Charles Newland – Bulldog Electric Stamp/Die

Sam Moreland – Skinning knife

Katie Martin – We would like to thank Mrs. Martin for allowing us to copy her information about John (Ian) McLaughlin and the McLaughlin family. John was a weaver in Logan County. We have several of his coverlets in our collection.

Yvonne F. Smith – Washington Local High School 1947-48 basketball team photos/scrapbook and 1948 Commencement program and other items

Sue, Kathy, William. Paul Deffenbaugh – Sign from the Oak Hotel and Cafeteria in Bellefontaine

Marlyn Kelly – MacGillivray Motors Inc. newspaper ad

Mark Brunner – Huntsville Mayor's Court Ledger 1900s-1940s

Sharon Bickham – Logan County Township plat maps (1945)

Robert Mattfeld - "Halma" board game, dentist's light

Ethel Buchenroth – Flatwoods School binder, misc. Logan County school programs and articles, brochures from local attractions, etc.

James Sack – Christmas Letter (1963) from BHS teacher Grace Otte

Clara DeWeese – 1950s Bellefontaine postcards, newspapers articles on oldest concrete street

Phillip Lord – Japanese WWII rifle, military medals & insignia

Bertha Acton family – Zane Caverns brochure, Paradise Island, Indian Lake postcard (1930)

Mark & Jeff Vernon – Baby clothes, sewing basket, Dr. A.M. Curl's clarinet

Terri Schneider – book *Ohio's 88 Counties* printed by Rath Forms Bureau, Inc. 1959

Jerry & Jean McLaughlin – Chalkboard from Belle Center School, Wee-Ben's Restaurant sign

Joe & Kathy Shiveley – BHS Class of 1962 35th Class Reunion DVD

Mary Thelma Breaston – Cape belonging to West Liberty attorney Delpha Peelle

Barb & Perry Hodies – local business advertisements and business cards

Gerald R. Tussing – Books *95th Infantry Division History & The 1st Battalion 378th Infantry 95th Infantry Reminiscences*

David S. Kennedy – Book *Family History and Civil War Recollections of Senator Robert Patterson Kennedy*, portraits of Kennedy and his wife Maria and other Kennedy items

Mary Contner – Framed BHS Class of 1946 class composite photograph

John & Beula Garvin – WPA photographs, 1891 school music program, 1936 Daily Examiner

Jerry Pennell – *Bellefontaine Examiner "Reflections"*

Margie Anderson & Charlie Patrick – Framed BHS Class of 1948 class composite photograph

Larry Lance – books from Bellefontaine Lodge #42 I.O.O.F.

Ellen Hammond – DVD "Miracles from Heaven" starring Courtney Fansler of West Liberty and sister Kylie who was an extra. Fanslers are daughters of Steve & Jeannie Fansler.

Jerry Agnor – Railroad lanterns & New York Central Mutual Assoc. commemorative glasses belonging to John W. Grode

Grace Lytle – Photograph of the "East Liberty Wolf Hunters" in front of the Courthouse with their kill ca. 1934-1935

Chris & Tammy Rench – two paintings by Quincy artist Harve Nissely donated in memory of Louise Rowe Goslee Family – Goslee family scrapbooks

Betty Crowe – 1914 Electrician's book belonging to H.M. Turner of Logan County

Cynthia Steimle – 1829 German Bible belonging to Mrs. Frank Pence of Bellefontaine

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- Adult Tours docent
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- Reg. Open Hours tours docent
- Young Historians Club assistant
- Open House docent/volunteer
- Fair Booth
- Halloween KidFest
- Christmas decorating of museum
- Christmas Open House docent/volunteer
- Building Committee volunteer
- Gift Shop Committee volunteer
- Programs Committee volunteer
- Newsletter Committee volunteer
- Docent Committee volunteer
- Photography volunteer
- Fundraising Committee volunteer
- Other, explain _____



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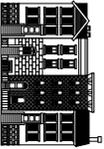
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