

HISTORY MATTERS

Fall Issue 2019

Making *History* Come Alive!

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Logan County Historical Society's HALLOWEEN KIDFEST

Saturday, October 26

1:00 p.m.

at

The Logan County History Center
521 E. Columbus Ave.
Bellefontaine



(see more info inside newsletter)

Logan County Historical Society

Membership Meeting
October 16th at 7:00 p.m.

"The Dependence on European Trade Goods by 18th Century Native Americans in the Ohio Country"

A visual study of recovered materials from 1760s-1790s era Historic Indian sites in Ohio

Presented by Wm Gregory Shipley

Mr Shipley's program will discuss the obvious changes to the material culture of Ohio's Historic Indian tribes which had occurred by the second half of the 18th century. These changes resulted from the increased availability of European trade goods. After a century of having access to the numerous varieties of durable trade items, which were being obtained with increasing ease and in larger quantities, the majority of discarded, lost, and/or abandoned materials on Native American sites had become "Euro", in flavor. Through his PowerPoint presentation, Mr Shipley will share images and data summaries on the various categories of Indian trade (and raid) related weapons, tools, storage vessels, ornamental items, etc, which have been recovered from a dozen private-property village sites, in central and western Ohio, during the past 26 years of avocational archaeological investigations.



The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the AcuSport Meeting Room and is free and open to the public.

We hope you can join us for what we believe will be a very interesting evening!

Light refreshments will be served.

PLEASE HELP US PASS OUR 0.25 MILL OPERATING LEVY

- Help us by placing a levy sign in your yard and asking friends to do the same. We have signs in the History Center's office and in the main lobby.
- We also need help locating and getting permission to place levy signs in high traffic areas throughout the county.
- Talk to your neighbors, friends, co-workers and family about the importance of the Historical Society and the levy.
- Better yet bring them to the History Center so they can see first-hand what we are doing.
- Join our Levy Committee! Call Todd at 593-7557 if you are interested.



**Remember It Costs So Little
To Save So Much!**



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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SOCIETY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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Brian Baker

President's Message

Hello everyone. It has been another busy year for our History Center! I want to reflect on some of the activities of this year but since this will be my last article as your president (term limits you know!), I wanted to mention other significant accomplishments we have achieved during that time.

One of the large projects that was completed was the restoration (and a lot of re-creation since much of it was missing) of the Wissler Bi-plane that is now hanging in the atrium. This was included in the vision for the Transportation Museum but also prior to that by those that went out on a limb to save it, acquire it, store it, hoping it would someday be able to

be displayed so everyone could see & understand this part of our history.

Another large project was the Mansion Roof replacement, this was a huge project! Not only from the perspective of the work that was completed, but the research of the original manufacturer of the tile, determining they were still in business & made the same product that we were able to use to preserve the appearance of this cornerstone of our complex! But also the fundraising for this project... this was all made possible by generous members of our History Center, local corporations, and countless other donations! A huge "Thank You" to everyone, as this is a project that needed to be done to preserve the Mansion & will not need to be re-visited for hopefully another 100 years!

We also have continued with maintenance/up-keep projects like tuck pointing the mortar in the brick, damage control with installation of covers over the HVAC units out back after ice damaged the units last winter, constant painting & repair of all of the facility...thanks to John and all the volunteers for this!

We have been able to continue our partnership with all the schools in the county to bring the students into the History Center on field trips to see firsthand & learn the history of the county they live in but also give them a look back in time to help understand life before the "Smartphone!" Hopefully this has helped spur their interest in history & other hobbies, etc. Huge thanks to Todd & all the Docents that keep this running smoothly!

We also started a project last year with Ohio Highpoint to have a student work with us on our social media (Facebook). We got started late in the year but came up with some good ideas and good data & are going to continue this year. Our goal is to get our information out to more people of all age groups and this seems to be a very effective method and where most people are receiving their info these days. We will expand to Instagram this year, more pics of our facility & activities to draw visitors in! Thanks to Mr. Lascher OHP Program Director & Gavin (last year's student) and John McPherson who heads up our Facebook activities.

The word has continued to spread of what a great facility we have to host events. The Atrium for large events, AcuSport & Presidents' meeting rooms for meetings/etc., and the Mansion for special events... keep spreading the word! We have rented out space to Honda, ISS America, McDonalds, Republican & Democratic parties, Logan County Chamber, Athenians, DAR, Mary Rutan, Edward Jones, and numerous Class Reunions, to mention just a few! These events help introduce our facility to more people & also help offset our operating costs...Thanks to everyone!

Rental of our facility also helps us get introduced to many from outside our area. The Piecemakers Quilt Show has brought in many from outside our area and this year we hosted the 1st Bellefontaine Hill Climb Revival, which is going to return on a yearly basis & surely grow and bring in more new visitors.

We can't talk about facility usage and not mention the other events that bring in so many local families... KidFest Halloween festivities, this is such a great time for the kids and their families!

Christmas Open House... what a great time to get together with families, check out the great decorations throughout the Mansion & Museums (all the staff and volunteers that work so hard on the preparation & decoration deserve a huge thank you!), and listen to the student musicians' performances. Also we have other wonderful groups that perform in the Atrium, I think this is an undiscovered gem during this Open House...there are great performances by many groups! Please take time to invite other family & friends to these performances... wonderful people & performances!

Our most recent large exhibit "Automotive Manufacturing in Logan County" has been a big hit and we want to thank the manufacturers for working with us. They gave their time, examples of their products, company information, etc.

A huge part of this exhibit is the 40 years of Honda in Ohio which chronicles Hondas growth in Ohio from the original Motorcycle Plant to the current day. This portion of the exhibit is in the connector and we would like to thank Honda and especially Stacey Kuhns, the Service Center staff, & Pat Culp (Vital Signs) for all their help with this exhibit!

We have also been fortunate to receive some press coverage thru the "Out & About Columbus", recent "Columbus Dispatch" article, which we have seen a surge of visitors from the Columbus, Delaware, Marysville areas. So getting the word out does work. So please continue to share information to your friends, families, clubs, church groups, organizations! We just need to get people in the doors to fully utilize our facilities & build support in the community.

I also cannot emphasize enough the importance of the Tax Levy that we have to renew on a regular basis. We have this on the ballot this November and need your support as well as the support of the entire county. Please discuss this with your neighbors and everyone in our community and explain the benefits of the History Center, answer questions and invite everyone in to check us out. Without this levy we cannot continue to operate, it's that simple! The cost of this is approximately \$8.00/100k of home value per year... so little to support so much! Please stop in and pick up a yellow yard sign to show your support for the levy & your History Center!

So in closing I want to thank everyone for the support, assistance, volunteering, donating that continues to make this marvelous History Center a success!

See you at the History Center, Brian

2019



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 04 OFFICE CLOSED for Conference - Center Open 1:00-4:00pm
- 05 Building Committee Meeting 8:30am Pres. Rm
- 08,09,11 Ben Logan 3rd Grade School 9:00am Museum
- 16 Society Meeting - Greg Shipley 7:00pm AcuSport Rm
- 21-27 History Center CLOSED for KidFest decorating
- 23 Agrarian Community Solutions Program 6:30pm Atrium
- 26 **KIDFEST** 1:00-4:00pm Center
- 28 Young Historians Meeting 6:00pm Pres. Rm
- 30 Docent Training 6:30pm Center

NOVEMBER

- 02 Building/Christmas Tree Set Up 8:30am Pres. Rm
- 05 ELECTION DAY - **VOTE YES for the LCHS Levy!**
- 11 Center CLOSED - Veterans Day CLOSED
- 14 Trustee Meeting 7:00pm AcuSport Rm
- 16 Genealogy Annual Dinner 4:00pm Pres. Rm
- 19 Young Historians Meeting 6:00pm Pres. Rm
- Nov 27 - Dec 1 CLOSED for Holiday CLOSED

DECEMBER

- 01 CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday CLOSED
- 07 NO Building Committee Meeting
- 07 & 08 CHRISTMAS Open House 1:00-5:00pm
- 11 Society Christmas Meeting 6:00pm Pres. Rm
- 14 & 15 CHRISTMAS Open House 1:00-5:00pm
- 16 Young Historians Meeting 6:00pm Pres. Rm
- Dec 23 - Jan 2 CLOSED for Holidays CLOSED

JANUARY 2020

- 02 CLOSED for Holiday CLOSED
- 04 Building Committee Meeting 8:30am Pres. Rm
- 09 Trustee Meeting 7:00pm AcuSport
- 20 CLOSED History Center - MLK Day CLOSED
- 28 Young Historians Meeting 6:00pm Pres. Rm

Logan County Historical Society's HALLOWEEN KIDFEST

Saturday, October 26

1-3:30 Fun & Trick or Treating

3:30-4:00 Costume Contest

at The Logan County History Center
521 E. Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine

For kids ages 4-12

***MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

Admission: \$1.00

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

KidFest Fun & Trick-or-Treat 1:00-3:30pm

Activities including

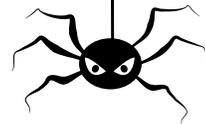
- * Lots of Games & Activities
- * Spooky Museum Trick-or-Treat

Kids' Costume Contest at 3:30pm

All kids 4-12 yrs of age welcome!

Costume Contest Categories:

- *Scariest
- *Cutest
- *Most Original
- *Best Overall



The Logan County Historical Society and History Center will have a 0.25 mill replacement operating levy on the November 5th, 2019 ballot. The 5-year levy would allow the Society and History Center to continue to better serve and educate the people of Logan County through exhibits, school tours, special events, publications, historic presentations and much more.

The 0.25 mill replacement levy will cost the home owners very little money. A resident whose home is valued at \$100,000 will pay around \$8.10 per year. As our levy slogan goes **It Costs So Little To Save So Much!**

The passing of the levy is also necessary for the History Center to continue to be open year-round (seven days a week between office & museum hours), employ a professional staff and continue the upkeep and improvement of the History Center's 1906 Orr Mansion, the Logan County Museum, the Logan County Transportation Museum, and the Flatwoods School.

The levy would also make it possible for the Society to continue its many programs and projects and develop new ones. The Society offers a variety of programs including bimonthly meetings, speeches to groups, school tours and programs (nearly 1,000 students in the 2018-2019 and over 150 hours of local history instruction) and much more. The Historical Society is very proud of its relationship with area schools and the role it plays in the students' education. The Historical Society's Young Historians club has also been a great success over the years with its members learning about the county's rich history through a variety of fun and interactive activities.

It would be impossible for us to include all that the Logan County Historical Society and Museum provides to the people of Logan County. The support from the citizens of Logan County in the past has made it possible for the Logan County History Center to become one of the most respected county historical society museums in the state. The county's support through the operating levy is truly exceptional and greatly appreciated. We hope you will once again support us on November 5th.

Christmas at the History Center Open House

521 E Columbus Ave.
Bellefontaine

December 7th & 8th

AND

December 14th & 15th

from 1:00 to 5:00 pm

- ** THE LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER
beautifully decorated for the Holidays
- ** VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE TREES & ROOM:
Approximately 25 HALLWAY TREES & 12 **ORR MANSION ROOMS
decorated by area groups, organizations, and students
- ** 2nd Floor & Ballroom decorated by Society Committee's theme of
Traditional pre-1900 Christmas Hymns & Carols
- ** FREE FAMILY CRAFT ACTIVITIES
- ** FREE PUNCH & COOKIES
- ** SHOP GIFT SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
- ** LIVE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT
- ** FREE ADMISSION & PARKING
- ** For more information call 937-593-7557

Share the Spirit of Christmas with us!



With best Christmas Wishes

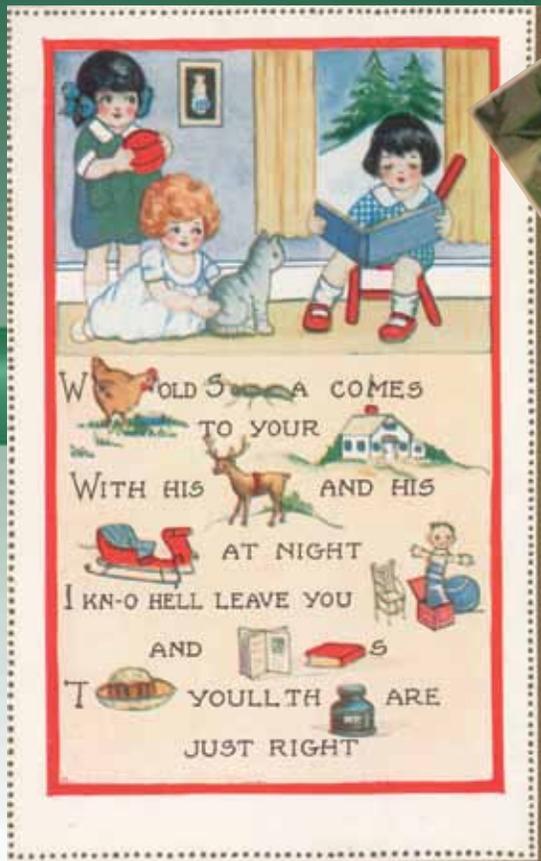


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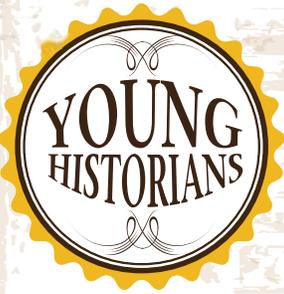


HEARTY
GREETINGS





Samples of our Historic Christmas Card Collection



The Young Historians will meet on Monday, October 28th at 6:00 when we will continue working on fun projects dealing with our theme of Logan County Landmarks. At the Tuesday, November 19th meeting we will make decorations for the Young Historians' Christmas Tree for the Christmas at the History Center open house and then we will have our annual Christmas party at our Monday, December 16th meeting. All Young Historian meetings run from 6:00 to 7:00 in the Presidents Room of the Logan County History Center.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Monthly \$20 Gift Certificate Drawing

June 2019 Winner: George Wackerman

July 2019 Winner: Bruce Norris

August 2019 Winner: Kay Ropp



Welcome to our New Members!



June 2019

Barbara Terrill, West End, NC



June 5, 2019

September 4, 2019

G. Bruce & Louise Norris

Honda of America Mfg. commemorative books, compact discs of local musicians

Ralph Wood

Various local business giveaways and ephemera, Mills Brothers album, milk can

Jim & Pat Sebring

Butter press mold, buttonhook

Peggy Zupp

1907 picture letter found in attic

Mary Hall

Eastern Star booklets and papers

Mary Karg

1875 Logan County Atlas

Rita Coyer

Uniform of Clayton Benton V

William C. Watt

Photographs, letters, grade cards, etc. from the Dowell family

Gloria Vee Hamilton

Newspaper article/poster of the Mills Brothers in England, Gail Hamilton political Campaign ads, papers, newspaper articles from Gail's time as mayor of Bellefontaine

Michael Hamilton

Digital photographs of the Mills Brothers and family

Ella Jane Deardurff

Military certificates, photographs, citations of Joe E. Deardurff, Satan' Angels Lighter

Cassie Hassel

Newspaper articles and obituary of Jeremy Hodge

Mary Cost

Military medals of Robert Cost, Military papers, photos, uniform, medals of Arral Cost

Judy Snyder

Ladies' clothing, straw dispenser, 1902 Sears, Roebuck Catalog (reprint)

Pat Ortti

Glockenspiel and wooden clapper one used in Benjamin Logan Schools music classes, sherbet dishes

Tony Waltzer

Bellefontaine National Bank night deposit envelope

Douglas S. Miller

West Liberty Fire Department turnout gear

Staley Family/Gangster's Ristorante

DeGraff Creamery items, misc. DeGraff businesses' items and ephemera, quilt made of Dr. O. W. Loffer's wedding suit, quilt made of dress material scraps by a DeGraff seamstress

Cathy Dachenbach

Cornet, banjo, harmonica used by the Elrose Dachenbach family (West Liberty), photograph showing the Dachenbach's playing the banjo with the cornet shown in the photo

Don & Susan Corwin

Boy Scout/Cub Scout flags, Eastern Star certificate

Stephen & Janice Minton

Big Four Railroad 1924 pay ledger

Katie Cornell

Bellefontaine Class of 1926 photo of students outside of the school

Richard Misplon

Knowlton Construction employee service pins of Gilbert C. Misplon, Knowlton "Emerald K" patches, letters and postcards of the Hamilton McPeck family, hangers from Buchenroth's

David Doss

Photographs/postcards of unidentified family from Washington Twp., Logan County

Glen Phillips

Business, political and personal papers & letter of Luther H. Pool family of DeGraff. Pool served as a State Representative

Richard Marker

Railroad manuals used by donor and his father James Marker

Paul Shoe

Slides of people and homes in and around Gretna, school books used by the Stabler family of Gretna, grade cards of the Stabler children

Greg & Susan Stiles/David & Lucille Jenkins

pieces of the reversible auger used at the McCormick Mill near Huntsville

Cindy Baas

1846 Coverlet woven in Logan County by William Buechel

Dennis, Steven & Ronald Popp

Wooden bookcase that belonged to Milton C. Heisler of Walnut Grove

Joann Schrader Swartz

Photograph of the 1940 AJ Miller Employee/Family Picnic at O'Connor's Landing

Jan Bell

Diploma of Mae Wooley and Mary Lou Sloan, Belle Center High School programs, brick from the Belle Center school building

Charles Rath

Book *In Lieu of Flowers* a novel by the donor, a Logan County native, and the book set at Indian Lake/Amusement Park

Brenda Ann Covault

Scrapbook of DeGraff photographs, articles, etc. compiled by Ann Cook

Sports Car Preservation Limited, LLC

Bellefontaine Hill Climb Revival participant plaque

Karen Kennedy

Photocopied scrapbook of 1950s-1960s photos, newspaper articles, etc. compiled by donor for BHS Class of 1967 Class Reunion

Rodney Brandt

Civil War letters to and from Lt. John A. Plum

Pat Kress Wolfe

Newspaper articles, photos and other information from Kress Gulf Service Station, WWII letters of Gene Kress

Perry Hodies, III

Local business and organization ephemera and advertisements, Honda "Wing" magazines and other Honda related items, Knowlton slides, etc.

Deardurff Family

Furbay toy, Ration tokens, mid-20th century flashlight

DOCENT TRAINING

We will also be having our DOCENT TRAINING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH 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. After going over the "nuts & bolts" of how to be 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 by calling the office at (937) 593-7557 or email me at tmccormick@loganhistory.org. We need more docents, especially on Saturdays, so please bring family and friends who you think would make a great docent!



Logan County Historical Society's Membership Christmas Meeting December 11th at 6:00pm

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. Table service and beverages will be provided. 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 2020 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 11th at 6:00 p.m. Please try to come and bring your family and friends!

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ALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST!

NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____

DUES:

Family - \$30
Business - \$50

Senior & Student - \$15
Individual - \$20
Individual Lifetime - \$300

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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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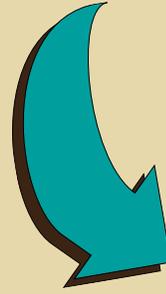
You can pay your dues on our website at www.loganhistory.org using either PayPal or your credit card.

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