

HISTORY MATTERS

Winter Issue 2020

Making *History* Come Alive!

2020 PREVIEW

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The Logan County Historical Society/Logan County History Center is looking forward to wonderful 2020. We have a number of new exhibits, projects and goals planned for this year. New LCHS president Brian Harmon will discuss some of these goals in his article, but we wanted to give our members and readers a preview of some of the exhibits and special events that will be happening in 2020.



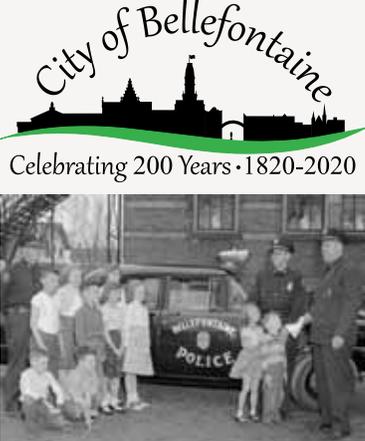
The Toy Room will feature a new exhibit NEVER BE BORED WITH BOARD GAMES! The exhibit will detail the history of board games, highlight some of the most iconic games from past and present, and share some of the influences behind the games.



1919
Row 100th Drill Team

1. P. J. Jones	7. H. J. ...	11. R. J. ...	15. M. J. ...	19. K. J. ...	23. S. J. ...
2. L. J. ...	8. R. J. ...	12. G. J. ...	16. T. J. ...	20. H. J. ...	24. C. J. ...
3. P. J. ...	9. T. J. ...	13. H. J. ...	17. R. J. ...	21. D. J. ...	25. J. J. ...
4. E. J. ...	10. S. J. ...	14. K. J. ...	18. P. J. ...	22. W. J. ...	26. F. J. ...

The rotating exhibit which has housed the World War 1 exhibit will changing. The new exhibit will recognize and honor the history of fraternal orders (and other similar organizations) in Logan County's history and present. The History Center has some neat clothing, artifacts and archives from several of these organizations, but we could use more. If you have items that you would like donate or loan for the exhibit please let get hold of Todd at 937-593-7557 or tmccormick@loganhistory.org by early February.



City of Bellefontaine
Celebrating 200 Years • 1820-2020

Bellefontaine will be celebrating its bicentennial in 2020. As we have done with the bicentennial celebrations of West Liberty (2017), Logan County (2018) and Zanesfield (2019), the museum will have multiple exhibits on Bellefontaine's history.

These exhibits will debut at the Logan County History Center's annual Spring Open House on Sunday, April 26th from 1:00 to 4:00. We hope you will come and celebrate these aspects of Logan County History and much more!



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.

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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 Harmon

President's Message

*"Season's Greetings from all of us
at the Logan County Historical Society!"*

My name is Brian Harmon, and I'm honored to introduce myself as the incoming President of the LCHS Board of Trustees. When I began volunteering at the history center six years ago, I never imagined one day I would have the privilege to serve this organization as president. All I really wanted to do was contribute to the society's effort to preserve and promote the incredible history of Logan County. I grew up in the Zanesfield/West Liberty area, about 1 mile from Wapatomica, so I had always been immersed in our county's history. So to be able to volunteer, and also learn so much more about history was a perfect opportunity for me. I soon learned that our organization was a collection of truly wonderful people, who were passionate about Logan County and the many characters and places that had come before us. I've been a volunteer docent since Day 1, and am very proud to help lead us through our next chapter in history.

We are so very lucky to enjoy great support from the citizens and communities of Logan County, as well as a high volume of long-distance visitors to our history center. Our presence continues to grow as we evolve and continually work to meet the needs and interests of our visitors and fans. One of my focuses early will be community outreach. Not only do we need to continue to encourage and drive visitors to our museum, but we also need to find new and creative ways to "take history to the community." Earlier this year, we partnered with the guys at Brewfontaine to loan the original Jackson's Newsstand sign to display at their new event venue, The Syndicate. Returning the iconic sign to the spot in Bellefontaine where it hung for so many years, was not only a perfect way to share history with everyone, but also a great way to build relationships with businesses in our community!

We will also continue to look at ways that we can leverage technology to better serve our goals. Technology will continue to evolve, and I want us to evolve with it. How we market our brand, communicate, and engage with the community will be impacted by technology in the coming years. I'm reminded of this every time I walk into our Communications Room (Televisions/Radios/Telephones) and see how quickly times change.

I'm incredibly excited and honored to serve the Logan County Historical Society, and just as excited to show everyone what we have in store for them, as the future meets our history."

Respectfully,
Brian Harmon

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



Monthly \$20 Gift Certificate Drawing

September 2019 Winner: Bob Mitchell

October 2019 Winner: Nancy Ledley

November 2019 Winner: Tim McPherson

2020



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

01	CLOSED for New Year's Day	CLOSED
02	Society Office REOPENS for regular hours	8-5:00
02	History Center REOPENS for regular hours	1-4:00
04	Building Committee Meeting	8:30 Pres. Rm.
09	Trustee Meeting	7:00 pm
11	NO DAR Meeting	-----
13	Piecemakers Meeting	7:00 p.m. Pres Rm
14	NO Athenian Meeting	-----
20	History Center CLOSED for MLK Day	CLOSED
22	Genealogical Society Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
28	Young Historians Meeting	6:00 p.m. Pres. Rm

FEBRUARY

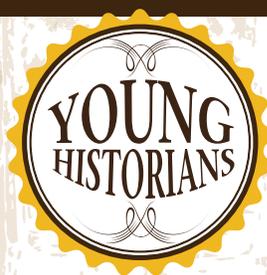
01	Building Committee Meeting	8:30 Pres. Rm.
08	DAR Meeting	10:30a.m. Pres. Rm
10	Piecemakers Meeting	7:00 p.m. Pres. Rm
11	NO Athenian Club Meeting	-----
17	Center CLOSED for Presidents' Day	CLOSED
19	NO Society Meeting	-----
24	Young Historians Meeting	6:00 p.m. Pres. Rm

MARCH

07	Building Committee Meeting	8:30 a.m. Pres. Rm
09	Piecemakers Meeting	7:00 p.m. Pres. Rm
10	Athenian Club Meeting	7:00 p.m. Pres. Rm
12	Trustee Meeting	7:00 p.m. AcuSport
14	DAR Meeting	10:30 a.m. Pres. Rm
21-22	Logan Piecemakers Quilt Show	TBA
24	Young Historians	6:00 p.m. Pres. Rm
25	Genealogy Board Meeting	6:00 p.m. Pres. Rm

APRIL

01	Mary Rutan Luncheon-Private	11:00 a.m. Atrium
04	Building Committee Meeting	8:30 Pres. Rm
11	DAR Meeting	10:30 a.m. Pres. Rm
12	CLOSED Easter Sunday	-----
13	Piecemakers Meeting	7:00 p.m. Pres. Rm
14	Athenian Club Meeting	7:00 p.m. Pres. Rm
15	Society Meeting	7:00 p.m. AcuSport Rm
27	Young Historians Meeting	6:00 p.m. Pres. Rm



The Young Historians continued our theme of Logan County Landmarks. The Young Historians took daytrips with their families to various local landmarks and took photographs and made notes. They turned the photos and notes into postcards and decorations to put on the Young Historians' Christmas tree in the History Center's Christmas open house. The Young Historians will now turn to new projects including making clay sculptures and dioramas of county landmarks.

The Young Historians will be meeting on January 28th, February 24th and March 24th. All meetings run from 6:00 to 7:00 in the Presidents Room of the Logan County History Center.

There will not be a LCHS membership meeting in February. We have discovered over the years that February's weather is too unpredictable and too many times had to cancel our meetings, so several years ago we decided it is best to skip it. More information for the upcoming Society meeting will appear in future History Matters.

Welcome to our New Members!



September 2019
Dan Dooley, Bellefontaine

Leave Your Legacy

It is never too early to plan ahead and to consider your gift to the Logan County History Center. Whether you think of yourself as rich or poor, or somewhere in between, your gift can make a difference. Even a small amount can have a big impact over time.

If you would like to preserve part of your life forever by sharing with the entire community, please consider donating.

If you have any questions please contact Todd at (937) 593-7557 or email at tmccormick@loganhistory.org.



Christmas Open House



Bellefontaine High School Jazz Band

Alicia Wilkins, *Piano* & Carol Burton, *Piano & Flute*

Mad River Valley Dulcimer Society

Gracenote Trio

God's Children's Choir

Les Fons Show Choir



Valley Folk Players

Leanna George
Raph Guenther
Rev. Mike Nartker
Elaine Newcomer

Saxy Christmas

Larry Walker
Mason Swisher
Dr Ryan Kauffman
Evan Kauffman
Neil Kauffman
Chuck Croutwater, *Piano*

Home Strings

Isaac Brown
Titus Davie
Ezra Davie
Philip Davie
Abel Davie
Lydia Davie
Chase Schaub
Griffin Schaub
Alexis Lambert
Keira Lambert
Ollie Moreland
Jake Moreland
Jordan Francis
Ryan Francis
Lydia Francis

Shirley McPherson's Piano Students

Carter Barnett, Brooks Bodin, Winnie Bodin, Allison Culp, Matthew Culp, Ryan Culp, Julia Easton, Caleb King, Grace King, Sarah King, Gillian Knight, Svea Martini, Meadow McCullough, Crew McPherson, Grant McPherson, Paige Mefford, Marah Reames, Emma Taylor, Lucas Taylor, Cambria Tuttle, Emery Wagner, Evie Wagner

Paula Deardurff Students

Perri Neeld, Blaine Mitchell, Rayven Peters, Krissy Thompson, Ollie Moreland, Jake Moreland, Sam Moreland, Charlie Moreland, Bella Binfet, Nick Ricker, Lincoln Howell, Truman Howell, Ally Barker, Anna Kratz, Emily Church, Benjamin Church, Braden Church, Ava Graham



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Christmas Committee Center Decorators

Pam Ark, Don Corwin, Paula Dappert, Elaine DeMarsh, Jeanne Jenkins, Ryan McCormick, Amy McCormick, Bruce Norris, Louise Norris, Pat Orтли, Ron Ricketts, David Saxby, Jody Nolin, Jennifer Schreiner, Judy Snyder, Sally Stephan, Tam VanNess, Jim VanNess, Diana Wackerman, George Wackerman, Leslie Warne, Kit Wehe, Joyce Zilles



Open House Workers (Those not listed in Decorating Committee list)

Bill McCormick, Ben Stahler, Bob Easterday, Bob Notestine, Bonnie Hansen, Brian Harmon, Dan Bratka, Dorothy Notestine, Doug Chamberlain, Dwight Hansen, Ginger Dowdy, Karen Beasley, Keitha Dugan, Linda Larsen, Marilyn Huffman, Nadine Tussing, Nancy Ledley, Rick Nelson, Sean Heights, Tam VanNess, Terri Lamb, Tim McPherson





KIDS TREE DECORATORS

- **Ben Logan Kindergartens**
- Ben Logan 1st Grades**
- Ben Logan 2nd Grades**
- Home Strings Dulcimers Club**
- Ben Logan 3rd Grades**
- Ben Logan 4th Grades**
- LO CO Art Club**
- LCHS Young Historians**



ADULT TREE DECORATORS

- **OSU Alumni Club of Logan County**
- West Liberty Garden Club**
- Top of Ohio Patriots 9-12**
- Zanesfield Petanque Club**
- What a Stitch**
- Hilliker YMCA**
- LCHS Board of Trustees**
- Woodcarvers - Friendly Senior Center**
- LC Genealogical Society**
- WIC - Women, Infants, Children Program**
- Eastern Stars**
- LC Art League**
- Ledley Family Farm**
- The Studio**
- Bellefontaine Lions Club**
- Modern Woodmen of America**



ORR 1st FLOOR ROOMS DECORATORS

- Kitchen - Logan County Genealogical Society**
- **Dining Room - Logan Piecemakers**
- East Parlor - Honda Transmission Mfg**
- Entryway - Logan County DAR**
- West Parlor - Logan County Vets To DC**
- Music Room - Logan County Library**



****Denotes Decorator Category Winners**

September 5, 2019



December 6, 2019

G. Bruce & Louise Norris

Photographs of the Orr Mansion grand opening

Mary Cost

Toys, cameras, grade cards of Arral B. Cost, photographs, wedding gown of donor

Don & Susan Corwin

MRH Hospital Volunteer & Guild smocks, Masonic Commandery sword, Buckeye Local High School Letterman's sweater

Sue Rairdon Allen

Wedding gown of Nell Rairdon

Ray Stamm

Book Logan County, Ohio Veterans by Harold Kerr Post #173

Sandra Musser

Photographs (scanned) of DeGraff Women, 1899

Nick McGuire

Fabric Swatch Sample Cards

Donald Kauffman

1890 Atlas of Logan County, Ohio

Conrad Lambert

Railroad manuals use by Charles Lambert (Engineer)

Corinne Dixon Estate

Logan County photographs

Jeff Holtegel

Rocking chair made by J.H. Dachenbach of DeGraff, ca. 1875-1900, Dachenbach photographs, diaries, ledgers, etc.

Jennifer Loyer

Coverlet woven in Logan County by W. Buechel, 1845

Mary Ann Patterson

Photograph of Harry W. Messner in WWI Cavalry uniform

Maurice Ramga

Diplomas of Hazel Swonguer from DeGraff Schools

Bruce R. Smith

John Tullis/Tullis family book/research compile and written by donor

Bruce Smith

Bellefontaine, France coin

Ann Hess

Watercolor of Castle Mac-O-Chee painted by donor

Rick Hatcher

BHS Yearbooks

Donald Brown

Bellefontaine Examiner newspapers

Brenda Thomas/Don Stinson

Photographs and other items from the Stinson Organ Co.

Richard Wilson

1938 check from the Belle Center Bank Co.

Philipp Altstaetter

Railroad scrapbook compiled by Ralph Stinson, Stinson Organ Co. Dispatch article

Phil & Bev Weeks

Marriage certificate of Banner Bush and Esta Neer

Rebecca Collins

WWII Home Front booklets, cookbooks, etc.

Marjorie MacGillivray

BHS Class of 1954 reunion photo albums/scrapbooks

Wren's Florist

Wren's Florist sign

Peggy Yoder

Hangers from Corwin's Clothing, Bellefontaine

Phyllis Wiley

Lady's sewing rocker

George & Diana Wackerman

Jamison Supply Co. pencil, View-Master slides

Bob Notestine

Book The Mayor by Bob Notestine and Aaron Notestine

Sheila Minnich

Certificates of Dr. William Robert Dodge

Jim DeLong Memorial

The Historical Society lost one of our most dedicated volunteers with the passing of Jim DeLong. I still remember Jim showing up at one our meetings and asking what he could do to become involved with the museum. The next thing we know he is a regular, several times a month, docent and one of our most prolific tour guides for both school field trips and adult groups. He rarely said no when asked to volunteer for anything. Along with being a docent, he served as a trustee and as a Building Committee member. Jim loved coming in costume to hand out candy at the Halloween KidFest and in his engineer's outfit to run the train around the Christmas tree. Jim was a walking (and talking) advertisement for the History Center. He always had one of our brochures on hand to give to someone he met at a restaurant or saw in a store after describing the History Center and inviting them to come visit. We truly appreciate all the things he did for us. Jim was just a great person. He will be missed by his LCHS/LCHC family.

We appreciate his wife Maralyn and the family requesting that donations in Jim's memory be given to the History Center because we meant so much to him and he meant so much to us.

**LOGAN COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
WISHES TO THANK
THE FOLLOWING
FOR THEIR
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TO OUR 2018-2019
WINTER APPEAL LETTER**

**November 2018
to
October 2019**

*We apologize
if we inadvertently
missed anyone on this list.*

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Name _____
 Address _____
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 Phone _____ Email _____

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(check as many as apply):**

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

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- _____ **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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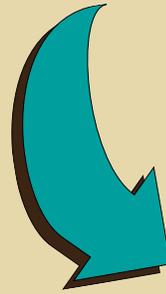
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