

HISTORY MATTERS

Winter Issue 2021

Making *History* Come Alive!

NEW EXHIBIT!

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FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS OF LOGAN COUNTY

The Logan County History Center is pleased to present our new exhibit honoring some of the fraternal and sororal organizations in Logan County's past and present which have played major roles in our community and society.

It was not the aim of this exhibit to tell these organizations' entire histories. We hope we did not misinterpret any of their beliefs or expose any of their secrets. What we do hope is that this exhibit will give our visitors a better understanding and appreciation of the far-reaching effects these benevolent organizations have had, and in many cases, still have on their members and our community as a whole.

I would like to thank LCHS/LCHC Archivist/Asst. Curator Beth Marshall for doing much of the research of this exhibit as well as writing most of the text, and Archives volunteer Don Corwin for also providing hours of research and helping explain some of the intricacies of the fraternal orders. They not only used documents from the Archives for their research, but also reached out to local and state officials of the various fraternal/sororal organizations, as well as using online sources.

We would also like to thank the organizations and their members who have provided information and in some cases photographs and artifacts for the exhibit.

Freemasons: Garis Pugh, David Booher

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Masons: Rodney Blount and Michael Hassel & family

Order of Eastern Star: Susan Corwin

Shriners: Mick Lile, Bret Stahler

Knights of Columbus: K.C. Steggeman, Sara Marcinko, Jeffrey Cummons, Michael Marshall

Lions International: Nancy McGuire, Terry Esch, G. Bruce & Louise Norris

Benevolent Order of Elks: Lee Young and Sammy Gotterman

Fraternal Order of Eagles: Ted Kline

Loyal Order of Moose: Elaine DeMarsh Cummings

We apologize if missed anyone else who helped with the exhibit.



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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CURATOR/DIRECTOR

K. Todd McCormick

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Dan Bratka	Trustee (2023)
Mike Yoder	Trustee (2023)
Rick Reed	Trustee (2023)

SOCIETY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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CURATOR'S CORNER



Todd McCormick

Greetings to our Friends and Neighbors:

To say 2020 was an unusual and difficult year would be a vast understatement. The pandemic and subsequent mandates affected the Logan County History Center in many ways from having to shut our doors for several months and missing out on our school field trips to canceling in-person programs and not being able to have local businesses and organizations use our meeting rooms and facilities. Yet, we hope the lessons we learned from the difficulties of this past year will make us a better museum and organization in the future.

We truly missed our work with the hundreds of students who usually tour the History Center, go on our Logan County Landmark field trip and take part in our traveling programs in their classrooms. However, we still wanted to contribute to the students' curriculum so with the help of Brian Jones Media we made virtual tours of the History Center that we put on our website (www.loganhhistory.org) for the teachers and students to view as part of their lessons on local history. While we can't wait until we are able to once again have school field trips (and adult group tours and programming) we are working on having more virtual programming to better serve our student (and adult patrons) in the future. This includes having a virtual tour of the Orr Mansion and Logan County Museum decorated for the 2020 Christmas holidays.

The History Center did debut several new exhibits in 2020. In honor of Bellefontaine's bicentennial, we have an exhibit stretching throughout much of the Museum. Since we had to postpone our spring open house celebrating Bellefontaine's bicentennial, the exhibit will remain up throughout 2021. We also debuted an exhibit on the history of fraternal orders in Logan County. This was a collaborative effort with several different organizations that are still active in the area who provided information, photographs and artifacts for the exhibit. Another new exhibit was *Never Be Bored with Board Games* in the Museum's Toy Room. These latter two exhibits will remain up for the next couple of years.

We also started a major restoration project on the Orr Mansion's exterior with the replacement of the front porch columns and capitals and repairs to the 3rd floor ballroom dormers. More work on the mansion will continue in 2021. Unfortunately, this type of restoration work is specialized and beyond the regular maintenance of the historic home.

We are asking you for your help. Included with this letter is a membership and donor card; we hope you will consider one or more of the options available. Please fill out the card and return in the envelope provided. We appreciate your contribution of money or time, but more importantly, we encourage you to bring your children and grandchildren to visit this fine History Center. We know you will be delighted! After all this is your museum and we want to share it with everyone. Remember your donation is tax deductible!

Thank you,
Todd McCormick

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



Monthly \$20 Gift Certificate Drawing

September 2020 Winner: Tam VanNess

October 2020 Winner: Sandy Yoder

November 2020 Winner: Ron Ricketts

THE ADVENTURES OF SIMON CATTIN



Simon Cattin, known as Simon Kitten in his younger days, thirsts for adventure. He is a bold and daring scout, a lover of history and an adventurer second to none. His moniker being derived from our famous Logan County frontiersman Simon Kenton, our Simon Cattin has many of Kenton's attributes. Four-legged Simon has taken up residence at the Logan County History Center where he is adored by staff, visitors, and volunteers alike. Check back regularly for Simon's newest adventure – whether it be a trip exploring one of the museum rooms, an encounter with one of our friendly ghosts, or even an encounter with one of our many guests. He may even appear in a contest with prizes. See you soon!

As of December 23rd, the Logan County Genealogical Society's library will be closed for in-person patrons until March 17th. The board has made this decision due to a combination of the pandemic and Ohio's unpredictable winter weather.

Our volunteers will check incoming emails often as well as the phone's answering machine, as weather permits. Be sure to leave your name, phone number, and/or email address and we will contact you as soon as possible. We are still committed to helping you with your genealogy research but feel this action is in the best interest of all involved.

We look forward to seeing you again in March!

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LCHS BOARD ELECTION

The Logan County Historical Society membership elected the 2021 Board of Trustees in a different way this year due to the pandemic forcing us to cancel our annual business meeting. Instead members could vote by phone or email. Brian Harmon (President), Bonnie Hansen (Vice-President), Bill McCormick (Treasurer), Nikki Smith (Assistant Treasurer), Karen Beasley (Recording Secretary) and Cheryl Watkins (Corresponding Secretary) were re-elected for their respective positions. The officers will serve 1-year terms. Rick Reed was elected as a trustee, while Dan Bratka and Mike Yoder were re-elected as trustees for the 2021-2023

Rick is replacing Nadine Tussing who has reached her term limit. We thank Nadine for her service over these last six years.

MEETING NOTICE

LCHS/LCHC PROGRAMS & MEETINGS STILL ON HOLD

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect our meetings, programs and special events. We hope to be able to start some of these important functions later in 2021, but as we prepare this newsletter we do not know when this will be. We do hope to add some virtual programming in the near future. Please check the website, www.loganhistory.org, for updates.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED DECORATE THE ORR MANSION AND LOGAN COUNTY MUSEUM FOR THE 2020 CHRISTMAS SEASON.



CHRISTMAS TREES

- Logan County Libraries
- WIC (Women, Infants, Children Program)
- Homesstrings Dulcimers
- Logan County Art League,
- Friendly Senior Center Wood Carvers
- The Studio
- Zanesfield Petanque Club
- Logan Piecemakers
- OSU Alumni Club of Logan County
- Hilliker YMCA
- Eastern Stars
- Bellefontaine Lions Club
- Logan County Chamber/Visitors Bureau
- George & Diana Wackerman
- History Center Volunteers



Thank you to Walmart of Bellefontaine for donating a 12' Christmas tree and large ornaments for the Transportation Center.

AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND DOCENTS THAT HELPED DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

ORR MANSION FIRST FLOOR DECORATORS

West Liberty Garden Club
Betty Lloyd & First Presbyterian Church of Bellefontaine
Logan County Genealogical Society
Logan County Vets to DC.
Logan County DAR



CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE
& TREE SET-UP

Pat Orlli
Tam VanNess
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Jeannie Jenkins
Diana Wackerman
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Kit Wehe
Leslie Warne
Amy McCormick
Ryan McCormick
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Don Corwin
Judy Snyder
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Bonnie Hansen
Pam Ark
Karen Prajer



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.

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Signature _____	<p>☆ Your donation is tax deductible.</p> <p>All donations of \$100.00 or more includes a yearly membership.</p>		

LOGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES YOU!

ALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST! *All dues paid after October 1st will be applied to 2021's dues.*

NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____

DUES: Family - \$30 Senior & Student - \$15
Business - \$50 Individual - \$20
Individual Lifetime - \$300

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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

Other volunteering opportunities:

____ **OUTREACH** Committee volunteer

____ **Adult Tours** docent

____ **Christmas Open House** docent/volunteer

____ **FUNDRAISING** Committee volunteer

____ **Student Tours** docent

____ **Building** Committee volunteer

____ **LEVY** Committee volunteer

____ **Reg. Open Hours** tours docent

____ **Programs** Committee volunteer

____ **Open House** docent/volunteer

____ **Docent** Committee volunteer

____ **Halloween KidFest**

____ **Photography** volunteer

____ **Christmas decorating** of museum

____ **Other**, explain _____



NOTICE:

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

PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES AND/OR DONATIONS TO:

Logan County Historical Society
521 E. Columbus Ave.
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NOTE: Not sure if you are up to date on your dues? *Check the number in the upper right hand corner of this newsletter's address label. If it says, Life, Comp, or 20, you are paid up for 2020!*

September 23, 2020



December 7, 2020

Beth & John Marshall

Pens from local businesses/organizations, book (photocopy) Memorial Biography of Benjamin Platt and his wife Elizabeth

Judy Snyder

LCHS baseball cap

G. Bruce & Louise Norris

Local postcards, Zerbee Texteel Furniture catalog

Don & Susan Corwin

OSU Band shirts worn by son Lloyd Corwin

Cindy Burton

WWI letters of Clyde Jeffries of Bellefontaine

Rosalyn Rinehart

Military Identification Cards of Frederick Royer of Bellefontaine

Chris Price

Watercolor painting of the Stabler Farm in rural Bellefontaine

Agnes Alberta (Pequignot) Carter Estate

ILHS Class of 1961 autograph book, commencement program

Warren Baughman

Commercial Bread baking pan

Auglaize County Historical Society

Postcard of the "Great Annual Sunday School Rally Day" at the East Liberty Methodist Episcopal Church, 1914

Benny Grimes Family

Photograph of Monroe Twp High School Class of 1950

World Class Plastics

Face shield and face mask respirator made by World Class Plastics, Inc. in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Stacey Deal Coburn

Syndicate Department Store 2nd Anniversary commemorative plate, 1910

Judy Brundage Bowlus & Jennie Brundage Parks

BHS booklets, programs, photos, pins, etc. of mother Marjorie Underwood Brundage, BHS Class of 1958

Amy McCormick

Benjamin Logan High School Homecoming T-Shirts, cell phones and other e-devices from the mid-2000s

Matthew Taylor

Railway Express documents and forms

Norm & Sharon Zigterman

Set of Jacks and Marble games

Karen Hesson Brady

Kodak Brownie Super 27 Camera, ca. 1961

Sandy Miracle

Belle Center history and family histories compiled by her mother, Miriam Forsythe

Janet Underwood Moore

Carriage lamp from the Jos. JoHantgen & Son Carriage Co. in Bellefontaine that was on carriage of Upton Iverson and Sarah Moore. Photograph of the Upton Moore family and home.

Kathy MacGillivray Yackshaw

BHS "Hi-Life" newspapers from 1976-1977

Lydia Hess

1820 replica U.S. flag made by donor in celebration of Bellefontaine's bicentennial

Joanne Snyder

Early 20th century baby clothes

Dan Fawcett

Chair made by the Zerbee Texteel Co. of Bellefontaine

Matthew D. Ricketts

Belle Center Police Department jacket and service cap worn by donor

Leanna George

Mad River Valley Dulcimer Society CD

Betty Hennessy

Military items of Thomas Hennessy, Patrick Hennessy and Raymond C. Parker, FFA and Junior Fair pins of Tom Hennessy

John Wolfe

Logan County history books, A.H. Moore journals and family farm account books, DeGraff area mill account books

Bob & Lois Stoll

Stereoscope and cards

Marsha King Carter

Projectile point collection of her father Dr. E. Richard King who was born and raised in West Liberty

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the many people who supported the Logan County Historical Society/History Center with monetary donations through our 2019/2020 Winter Appeal Letter and Membership Drive and with other donations and gifts. We appreciate your generosity in supporting the Society/History Center's mission to collect, preserve and promote Logan County's history.

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