

HISTORY MATTERS

Spring Issue 2020

Making *History* Come Alive!

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*****OPEN HOUSE POSTPONED*****

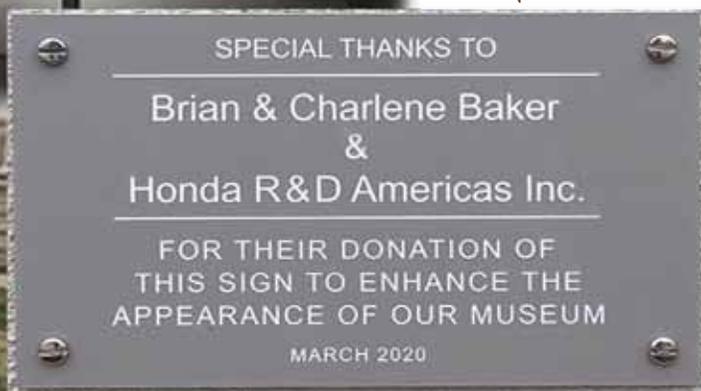
The Logan County History Center's Spring Open House scheduled for Sunday, April 26th has been postponed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We hope to reschedule the open house later in the year. The exhibit on the Bellefontaine Bicentennial and the new exhibit about Logan County Fraternal (and similar) organizations will be ready later this spring.



We would like to thank LCHS members Brian & Charlene Baker and Honda R & D Americas Inc. for donating this beautiful new sign. We would specifically like to thank Ed Cardoza and Samantha Lynch of Honda R & D for their help in making this sign possible. A special thanks to Brian for taking on this project and making

all the arrangements with Honda R & D Americas Inc., who generously donated the metal and their skills and machinery to make the sign. The sign is a wonderful addition to the Logan County History Center.

Thank You!



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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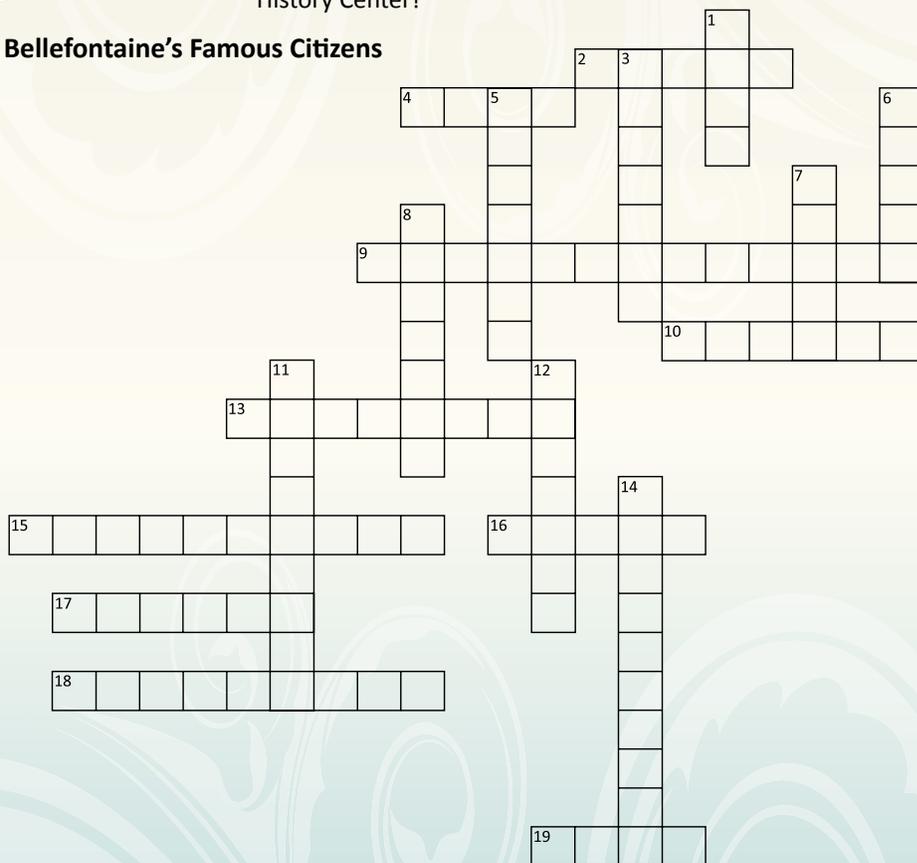
CURATOR'S CORNER



Todd McCormick

In lieu of a written report for my Curator's Corner in the Spring LCHS History Matters, I thought I'd make it a little more fun. I hope you enjoy this crossword puzzle of Famous Bellefontaine Citizens in honor of the town's bicentennial this year. If you need some more help deciphering the clues you can go to our website www.loganhistory.org and click on the Famous Logan Countians tab where you will find most of the people described in the puzzle. Better yet come see us and enjoy the Famous Logan Countians exhibits and all of the other exhibits in the History Center!

Bellefontaine's Famous Citizens



Across

- MAPPED THE OCEAN FLOORS
- BLIND MAN ELOQUENT
- TIGER RAG, PAPER DOLL, ETC.
- RECORD BREAKING BRAIN
- RED CROSS CO-FOUNDER
- WWII CANTEEN FOUNDER
- THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING
- THE FRONTIERSMEN AUTHOR
- FINANCIAL PERIODICAL FOUNDER
- OLYMPIC SNOWBOARDER

Down

- MISSIONARY & TEACHER IN KOREA
- CREATOR OF ABE MARTIN
- MODERATELY CONFUSED CREATOR
- FINANCIAL INVESTMENT GURU
- MISS OHIO 1930
- AIRPLANE DESIGNER
- HOSPITAL NAMESAKE
- CIVIL WAR GENERAL, POLITICIAN
- WEY-YAH-PIH-HER-SEHN-WAH

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



Monthly \$20 Gift Certificate Drawing

December 2019 Winner: Jim VanNess

January 2020 Winner: Nancy Ledley

February 2020 Winner: Pat Ortli

2020



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 01 Mary Rutan Luncheon-Private 11:00 a.m. Atrium
- 01 Hilliard Sr. Group Tour 1:00 p.m.
- 03 Employers Association-Private 9:00 a.m. AcuSport
- 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- Bob Notestine 7:00 p.m. AcuSport Rm
- 21 School Docents TRAINING 10:30 a.m. Lobby
- 22 Bus Tour-Adult Group 4:30 p.m. Center
- 26 SPRING OPEN HOUSE 1:00-4:00 Center
- 27 Young Historians Meeting 6:00 p.m. Pres Rm
- 29 Docent TRAINING 7:00 p.m. Lobby

MAY

- 01 BLF 3rd Gr School Program
- 02 Building Committee Meeting 8:30 Pres Rm
- 05 Indian Lake LC Bus/LCHC Tour 8:30 a.m.
- 06 Indian Lake LC Bus/LCHC Tour 8:30 a.m.
- 07 Blf School Landmark Bus Tour 8:45 a.m.
- 07 Citizens Police Academy Dinner 5:00 p.m. Atrium
- 08 Blf School Landmark Bus Tour 8:45 a.m.
- 09 DAR Meeting 10:30 a.m. Pres Rm
- 11 Piecemakers Meeting 7:00 p.m. Pres Rm
- 12 Athenian Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. Pres. Rm
- 12 Blf 3rd Gr Center 9:30 a.m.
- 13 Blf 3rd Gr Center 9:30 a.m.
- 14 Ben Logan 3rd Gr Bus Tour 8:30 a.m.
- 14 Trustee Meeting 7:00 p.m. AcuSport
- 15 Ben Logan 3rd Gr Bus Tour 8:30 a.m.
- 25 History Center CLOSED for Memorial Day
- 27 Genealogical Society Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

JUNE

- 06 Building Committee Meeting 8:30 Pres. Rm.
- 08 Piecemakers Meeting 7:00 p.m. Pres. Rm
- 09 Athenian Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. Pres Rm
- 13 DAR Meeting 10:30 a.m. Pres. Rm
- 17 Society Meeting 7:00 p.m. AcuSport

JULY

- 03-04 History Center CLOSED for Independence Day observance
- 04 NO Building Committee Meeting ----
- 09 Trustee Meeting 7:00 p.m. AcuSport
- 11 DAR Meeting 10:30 a.m. Pres. Rm
- 11-18 LOGAN COUNTY FAIR Come see us at our booth
- 13 NO Piecemakers Meeting ----
- 14 NO Athenian Club Meeting ----
- 22 Genealogy Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Pres. Rm



The Young Historians' exploration of Logan County landmarks continued in January with members sculpting various buildings, monuments and sites out of clay. They followed this up by making brochures of local landmarks at the February meeting.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are having to cancel the March and April Young Historians Meetings.

The Young Historians will pick up again in September with our 19th year of the group. We look forward to seeing all of our Young Historians and some new ones this fall.

If you have any questions about the Young Historians Club please contact Todd at 937-593-7557 or at tmccormick@loganhistory.org.

April Society Meeting

The April Society Meeting scheduled for April 15th **has been canceled** due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **HOWEVER, WE ARE MOVING THE SPEAKER (BOB NOTESTINE) TO THE AUGUST 19th MEETING.**

August Society Meeting

Logan County Historical Society charter member and long-time Bellefontaine resident Bob Notestine will be the speaker at the August 19th Society meeting at 7:00 in the AcuSport Room on the second floor of the Logan County Transportation Museum. Mr. Notestine will discuss the books he and his grandson (and other family members) have put together from letters Bob wrote to his grandson. The books detail various aspects of Bob's life in Bellefontaine. The program is part of the History Center's celebration of Bellefontaine's bicentennial in 2020.

The program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

June Society Meeting

The Logan County Historical Society will be on the road for our June 17th Society meeting. Our friends at the Indian Lake Area Historical Society will be hosting us for a tour of their restored Orchard Island Post Office and then a tour of their new Indian Lake Area Historical Society Museum. We will meet at 7:00 at the Post Office which is located on "Post Office Island" in between Orchard and Wolfe Islands. After learning about the Post Office, we will go visit the Indian Lake Area Historical Society Museum located at 204 1/2 Lincoln Blvd beside the Subway and Shoppers Edge newspaper.

The Indian Lake Area Historical Society is doing a wonderful job preserving and promoting Indian Lake's unique history. Let's show our support for them by coming to this fun-filled and history-filled evening.

The program is free and open to the public. Although donations to the Indian Lake Area Historical will be welcomed.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all meetings and events are postponed at this time. Please check our website at www.loganhistory.org for current updates and information.

✓ IMPROVEMENTS: — Notwithstanding the cry of hard times and scarcity of money, there has been very considerable progress in the way of improvements in our town, the past year, a few of which are worthy of special notice

The minor improvements, such as repairs and additions to houses, putting up of new fences, and painting, which are important in number, we pass over, though they add no little to the improved appearance of the town.

The tearing down of the old "eyesore," and the erection of a new court house, we pass by, with the mention, as we have sufficiently noticed it heretofore, and it is rather a county than a town improvement.

We are able to chronicle no improvement in the old jail, excepting in the way of ventilation—the prisoners that escaped a week since, having improved it in that line, by making a big air-hole in the wall. The new jail has not assumed such proportions, yet, as to be a terror to evildoers, and we pass it by, as we hope we shall do in all time to come.

We would be glad to record the completion of the new Presbyterian church, but this will be the work of future chronologists, and it may be that you, dear reader, will go up before the steeple does.

Our enterprising town council has made excellent progress in improving our streets and side-walks. Madison River and Detroit streets, especially, have been much improved, both having been newly graded and graveled. Detroit street will hereafter be one of the nicest streets in town, and, in connection with Main will afford a delightful drive. The hill at the north end, and the hill at the school house, have both been cut down, and from Howbert's, south to the corporation line, the street has a beautiful grade.

B. Rep. 10-21-1870

On the north end of Main street, adjoining the residence of Mr. John Palmer, Mr. Edward Patterson has put up one of the handsomest residences in town. The building is a two-story frame, 38x55 feet, with four rooms on first floor and five above. It has been planned with an eye to convenience and comfort, and will be finished in handsome style,— Among other conveniences in the house are a bath room and an apparatus for carrying hot and cold water into several of the rooms. This last is a new feature in houses in our place, and will, at first sight commend itself to every one as worthy of imitation. Mr. Patterson has consulted experience, judgment and taste, sought beauty, convenience and comfort, and in the end will have a home that will suffer none in comparison with the best house in the place.

B. Rep. 10-21-1870-3

The Patterson home referred to, was where Community Market is now, and the Palmer home is now Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home (built prior to 1864).

FACTS ON LOGAN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE

According to an act of Legislature, on Jan. 27, 1818, a commission was appointed by the Court of Common Pleas, in the village of Belleville, which was located south of the present city, to select a site for the county seat of Logan county. They reported Dec. 29, 1819, and the plat of the original town was approved MARCH 18, 1820, so that is the date of the birth of the town, though it was not recorded until August 12, 1822.

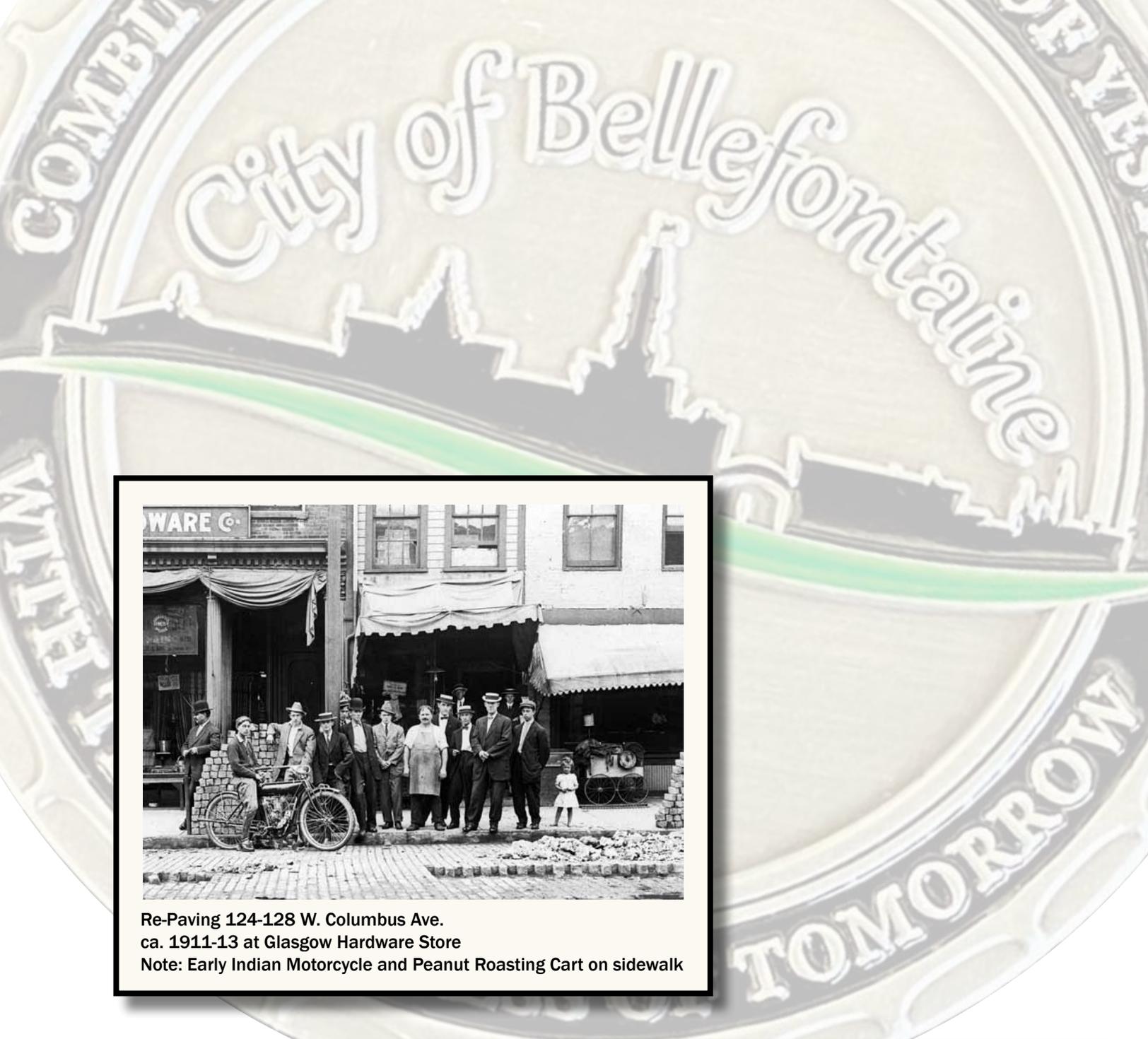
The town was incorporated FEBRUARY 19, 1835, and the copy of this legislative act was burned in the fire here in 1856.

The original town was composed of 100 acres.

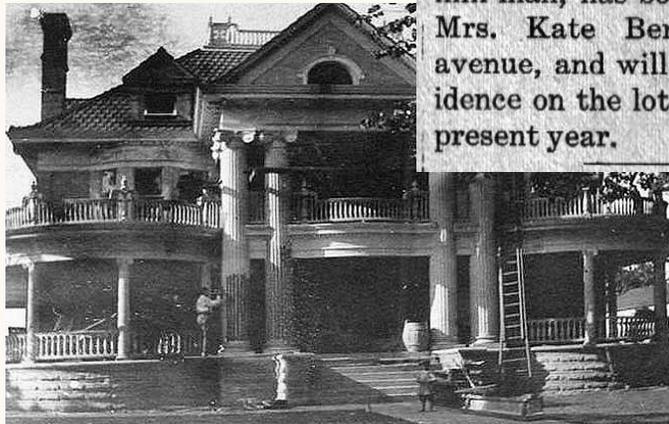
The town as first planned was bounded on the north by Brown, on the east by Park, on the south by Auburn, and on the west by Elm streets. These four streets were un-named. The names of the others were the same as they are now, with the exception of CINCINNATI STREET (which was called SANDUSKY STREET in the very beginning), and is now our MAIN STREET.

The village of BELLEVILLE, located where the Fair Ground and the PINE AVENUE SCHOOL is now located was laid out on a tract of land owned by Dr. Benjamin Brown, in about the year 1806.

Facts about Bellefontaine by Corrine Dixon



Re-Paving 124-128 W. Columbus Ave.
ca. 1911-13 at Glasgow Hardware Store
Note: Early Indian Motorcycle and Peanut Roasting Cart on sidewalk



Mr. W. J. Orr, the well known saw-mill man, has bought the property of Mrs. Kate Berndt, east Columbus avenue, and will erect a handsome residence on the lot some time during the present year.

W-I-R 2-15-1906

DOCENT TRAINING SESSIONS

**PLEASE NOTE: IF WE NEED TO CANCEL/POSTPONE THESE DOCENT TRAINING SESSIONS DUE TO THE CONTINUED PANDEMIC, WE WILL PUT AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON OUR WEBSITE www.loganhistory.org and SEND AN EMAIL TO THOSE ON OUR DOCENT LIST.*

It is that time of year again – SCHOOL TOURS! We are entering our busy time with the local schools through the traveling programs we take into the schools, school field trips to the History Center and our 3rd Grade Logan County Landmark Field Trip grant program. Over the last few years every Logan County school district, including West Liberty-Salem, as well as several schools from outside the county have visited the museum or taken part in the Logan County Landmark field trip or have taken advantage of our traveling programs. In some cases, all three. We are very proud of our growing relationship

Since we have so many field trips to the History Center that means we depend on quite a few of our volunteers to be tour guides. In fact, we always need more and hope some of you reading this article will want to come help or may know someone who would like to be one our school tour docents. We will be having a SCHOOL GROUP DOCENT TRAINING SESSION ON TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST AT 10:00 A.M. We need your help so please consider school group tour guide.

We will also be having our “REGULAR” DOCENT TRAINING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH AT 7:00 P.M. for those interested in being docents during the History Center’s regular 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 again divide the docents into teams and go on a scavenger hunt throughout the History Center, so everyone can learn more about the artifacts and exhibits. This has been very popular the past few years since it is lots of fun as well as educational. Be sure to join us!

Please RSVP to either or both docent trainings by calling the office at 937-593-7557 or email me at tmccormick@loganhistory.org.

*We need more docents,
especially for school groups,
so please bring family and
friends who you think would
make a great docent!*



Save the Date!

Saturday, August 29th, 2020



Bellefontaine Bicentennial Celebration

Bellefontaine will be host to the “Oldest Street Race” 5K in the morning. The downtown area will be closed to host this block party throughout the day. That afternoon will include food trucks, bounce houses, music performances by local groups, a DJ, face painting, vintage cars, historic characters (in costume), local art on display, an historic “drone” picture over the courthouse and much more. At sunset, a fireworks display and the Holland Theatre will host concert (ticketed event) following the fireworks.

Bellefontaine has already started celebrating its bicentennial with more than 30 bicentennial banners throughout downtown.

December 7, 2019



March 4, 2020

G. Bruce & Louise Norris

Logan County postcards, photos,
The Marmon Wasp sign,
Bertha Yoder sheet music

Robert Mitchell

Mitchell & Sons, Inc. work shirt,
Auto Distributor tool kit

Connie Hempy

Portraits of John Grabel and Sarah
Tharp Grabel, Property Deed (copy)
Sarah E. Hemp & Alvin M. Hempy

MRESC

Polaroid camera, Logan County
Teachers Association scrapbook,
Teacher Examinations ledger 1853-
1864, Spelling Bee practice books

Gary L. Heath

Book – The Zane Township Story,
book – 1875 Logan County Atlas

Bellefontaine Police Dept.

BPD Mission & Values Coins,
BPD St. Michael Coins, BPD City of
Bellefontaine Bicentennial Coins

Helen Butler

Gold 33rd Degree Masonic Ring,
Abraham Lincoln Campaign button/medal

Susan Churchill

Glass Compote, Scrapbook of Paul Teal
(Indian Lake musician), photo of the
"Chief" touring boat

Beth Marshall

DeGraff commemorative plate,
candleholder made by local potter
Kathy Greer, Girl Scout uniform bow,
women's 1940s-1950s housecoats

George & Diana Wackerman

Boy's suit

Judy Snyder

Baby bracelets and rings of
Leon and Allen Snyder

**Matthew R. Chamberlain/
C. Douglas Chamberlain**

1998 Speech notes of Charles H.
Chamberlain rededicating Pylon at
Bellefontaine Airport honoring Larence
Rausenberger and Clarence Wissler

Susan Givler

The Federated Clubs of Bellefontaine
Cookbook

Garis & Virginia Pugh

Hopewell Dairy wooden crate, booklet
"Memoirs and Roster Company K., 34th
Engineers AEF

Patty Molton

BHS Class of 1902 framed photograph

Mary Cost

Military certificates, citations, medals,
letters, photos for PFC Robert L. Cost
(Killed in Action WWII). Cost family
diplomas, school photos, etc.

G. Bruce & Louise Norris

Men's bowties worn by Don Geist, misc.
BHS programs, local business photos
& ephemera, Beta Sigma Phi/Laureate
Beta Zeta Chapter programs, etc.

Patricia Sebring

Elizabeth Gregg Miss Ohio
advertisement, door stop/alarm,
misc. newspaper articles

Jane Chase

Bellefontaine World War II Free
Servicemen's Canteen postcard

Elaine DeMars

SOHIO Gas Station place setting (plate)

John W. Morris

Clothes wringer, Milk/Cream stirrer

Loganaires

Stumpf Fiddle

Loren Kipker

Loganaires music manuals, booklets,
SPEBSQSA Newsletters

Diane Hawkey/Vicario Family

Paddington Bear stuffed animal

Maralyn DeLong

Bulldog Electric Pushmatic Circuit
Breaker, Wooden egg crate, wire egg
basket, RC Jeep toy, garden weeder/tiller
(all from late-husband Jim DeLong)

Don & Susan Corwin

BHS "Willy Wonka" program & ticket

Elaine Carey

Bellefontaine National Bank money bag

Nancy Spragen

Ohio Bicentennial decoration

Terry Conley

Civil War photographs/negatives
(copies) – Gen. Robert Patterson
Kennedy with President Abraham Lincoln
in Gen. McClellan's Antietam camp, Civil
War hospital photo/negative, etc.

Ann Armstrong Ingoldsby

Photos of the Armstrong Mill
in Bellefontaine

**Janie Kimball/Karen Gregg Hover
Estate**

Bible belonging to Elizabeth Gregg,
poetry book "Bits and Pieces" written and
illustrated by Patsy Kennedy Maurer of
Lakeview, wire mesh food cover



Welcome to our New Members!

October 2019 – February 2020

January 2020

Community Health & Wellness Partnership, *West Liberty*
Beasley Architecture & Design, *Bellefontaine*
Cindy Bradley, *Bellefontaine*
Emerson Brown, *Bellefontaine*
Kaye Cook, *Bellefontaine*
Becky Dixon, *Huntsville*
Dale & Teri Frymyer, *Lakeview*
Steven & Robin Godwin, *West Liberty*
Warren Gross, *Huntsville*
Pat Herring, *Bellefontaine*
Jeff & Suzan Hooper, *West Liberty*
Mark & Martha O'Connor, *Belle Center*

Gene Plank, *Bellefontaine*
Joseph Reed, *Bellefontaine*
John Snipes, *Zanesfield*
Ginger Swope & Nv Fitton, *Belle Center*
Judith Wherry, *Russells Point*
David Oroszi, *Dayton*
Garis Pugh, *Huntsville*
Art Rausch, *Lakeview*
Mike Yoder, *Huntsville*
Charles Gilbert, *Bellefontaine*
Ed & Shelly Wisner, *Bellefontaine*

February 2020

Logan Co. Chamber & Visitors Bureau, *Bellefontaine*
Thomas & Elizabeth Miller, *West Liberty*

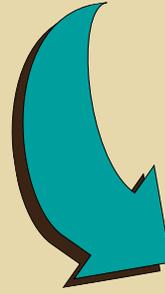
Leave Your Legacy

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
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