

HISTORY MATTERS

Fall Issue 2018

Making *History* Come Alive!

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**Christmas at
the History Center
Open House**

December 1st & 2nd 1:00 to 5:00 pm
AND December 8th & 9th

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

**** LIVE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT**

**** BIG GIFT SHOP SALE**

**** FREE PUNCH & COOKIES**

**** FREE ADMISSION & PARKING**

**** FREE FAMILY CRAFT ACTIVITIES**

***For more
information
call 937-593-7557*

521 E. Columbus Ave, Bellefontaine

Share the Spirit of Christmas with us!



**But First
We Have . . .**

**Logan County Historical Society's
HALLOWEEN KIDFEST
see details on page 3**



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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Brian Baker	President
Brian Harmon	Vice-President
William McCormick	Treasurer
Nikki Smith	Assistant Treasurer
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Doug Chamberlain	Trustee (2019)
Bonnie Hansen	Trustee (2020)
Nadine Tussing	Trustee (2020)
Dan Bratka	Trustee (2020)

SOCIETY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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CURATOR'S CORNER



Todd McCormick

It has been a quite a few years since I have written a Christmas wish list for the Logan County History Center and the Logan County Historical Society. In the past this list has proven very fruitful with several donations from this list. Many of the items on this wish list are the same as in the past, but I have added a number of new ones. As in years past the list contains artifacts that may not be attainable or even exist, but one can always hope!

- Zent/Bellefontaine Co. Zent or Traveler car
- A.J. Miller hearse carriage
- Eastern Woodland historic Indian/early settler artifacts (metal points, knives, tools, etc.) authentic or reproductions
- Civil War, Korean War, Vietnam, Iraq War, War on Terror artifacts
- Artifacts pertaining to Logan County villages and townships
- Turn-of-the-century (20th century) household items that can be used in the Orr Mansion, i.e. dry sink, kitchen cupboard/Hoosier or Sellars cabinet
- 1890s "picture hat"
- Indian Lake amusement park artifacts
- Artifacts from local industries, past and present, especially local automotive parts and supply manufacturers

Non-Artifact Wish List

- Increased visitation to the History Center
- Increased presence and outreach in the community
- Increased membership
- More volunteers for tour guides, committees
- Continued support for LCHS operating levy which will appear on ballot in 2019 or 2020
- More storage space at the History Center!
- Microfilm reader with printer

I would like to take this time to thank all the volunteers that have given their time and hard work over the past to ensure the Logan County History Center continues to be an asset to the people of Logan County and beyond. I truly appreciate all that you do to help us.

Happy Holidays,
Todd

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



Monthly \$20 Gift Certificate Drawing

June 2018 Winner: Bruce Norris

July 2018 Winner: Kay Ropp

August 2018 Winner: Jean Leininger

Logan County
Historical Society's

Halloween KIDFEST

Saturday, October 20

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

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

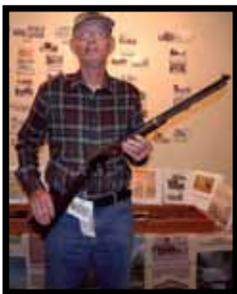
All kids 4-12 years of age welcome!
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Local artist Andrea Earick 1:30-3:00
demonstration on painting gourds

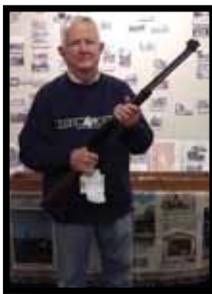
Admission: 1 non-perishable food item per person
to go to Logan County Food Banks

Kids' Costume Contest at 3:30
*Costume Contest Categories:
Scariest, Cutest, Most Original, Best Overall*

Activities including ~ Lots of Games & Activities & Spooky Museum Trick-or-Treat



John Fisler



Jim Day



Randy Wax

The Logan County Historical Society would like to thank the Logan Hills Festival Committee, and especially Connie Smith and Jeremy Smith and his family for organizing and running the Logan County Bicentennial Henry Rifles Raffle. The raffle made over \$8,000. The Logan Hills Festival Committee and the Logan County Bicentennial voted to give the proceeds of the raffle to the Historical Society for our Historical Marker program. The money will be used to repair and repaint the markers in need of work, and perhaps purchase new markers. We hope to continue to add money to this account so more of the missing or severely damaged markers can be replaced and new markers about new historical topics can be purchased and erected.

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@loganhhistory.org.



Christmas Through the Years

as seen in the Logan County Newspapers

"Merry Christmas."

Before another issue of the *Republican*, Santa-Claus will have come and gone—filled the tiny stockings with tiny treasures—furnished thousands of young hearts with 'happiness as dust'—spread turkeys upon the tables, and happiness in the houses, and scales upon the faces, of the home dwellers—and the voices of his silver bells will be almost out of hearing, or made to sing low by reason of fireworks unassumable, or the din from running the New Year's advent. In view of this fact, then, Dear Readers, allow us to wish YOU ALL A MERRY, HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

In looking through the old newspapers in the archives of the Logan County History Center, we find that Christmas ads and celebrations weren't mentioned until 1854. On December 24, 1854, the Bellefontaine Republican wished their readers a "Merry Christmas" with this article.



The Republican

OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE.

FRIDAY, DEC. 25, 1858.

We have received a price for JOB PRINTING, and materialy reduced our rates—Give us a Call.

There has been change in the office of Editor of the Bellefontaine Democrat. See time table.

TEMPERANCE MEETING—The regular meeting of the Citizens' Temperance Society, will be held at the Court House, Saturday Evening December 26th. If you get over your Christmas drink to time you can get clear of your head by coming to the Temperance Meeting, and signing the pledge of total abstinence.

CHRISTMAS TREE—The Sabbath School of the First Presbyterian Church, will hold an entertainment, at *Melrose Hall*, on Christmas Eve (Thursday Evening Dec. 24th) to which the citizens of town and vicinity are cordially invited. The exercises of the Evening will be as brief as possible, not to weary the ladies, and will consist of singing, prayer, addresses and distribution of presents from a beautifully decorated Christmas Tree.

J. Q. A. CAMPBELL, Supt.

By the time Logan had been a county for 50 years, there still weren't many ads for gifts, but Christmas Trees were becoming popular, as seen in these articles from December 25, 1868. (Note the Temperance Meeting notice).

Another Letter from Santa Claus.

Dear little children:

More as a year pass, der leedle farins has been workin for Old Santa Claus, makin dem nice things vot I bring you wit my sleigh and reindeer harness, for von Christmas gift. Der inward voice von my shuteck shows dot I haf presents for gudd leedle girrels and gudd leedle poy, abay none for der leedle poy vat buchoos in der lane. Und der varries dind me dot dey never already make nettings for dem leedle poy vot rund from skool avay, nor pad poy's vot fit and skratech von anothers eyes oud, nor filty poy's vot not glean dem nose oud, nor dem varry pad poy's vot huf a very awful expression observable on der countenance von de fadder he say "Shon you make dot vood saw." Und I neffer heard dot ennybody efer made anything for de ukly liddle gurrels vot doud leff to make der modders obedient to him. So you petter vateh a leedle oud, oolder I got nutting for you.

Aber, I doid you vot I got spord my sleigh vagon for dem gudd poy's and shvato gurrels:

I haf vagans, und sleds, und garts, und Doggler hobby horses, und pails, und vatches, und boy's gun, und monkey tamper, und drums, und violins, und harps, und pinks, und allspits, und pliddin plocks, und pooks, und efery tinge vot make a poy happy und noicy.

Und for dem shweet gurrels, I haf pig dolls, und liddle tols, vax tols, und shins tols,—all so shweet as a leedle papp; und fishes, und kitchen furniture, und leedle stores, und pianos, und papp puggys, und pooks, und shust vot you vant und don't gat already.

I shust abset my part at Gases' Shdove, und you find every ding dare, und I call around agen to see de shild-er, another day.

Remember dot Santa Claus only knows dem goot poy's und gurrels, und Case is his "next friend."

SANTA CLAUS.

The New Presbyterian Hymnals, in nice bindings at Case's—a fine thing for a Christmas Gift.

If you can't get in at the front door at Case's, owing to the crowd, when you go there for your Christmas Gifts, go down through the cellar, und up the back way. We will try and make room for all.

By 1874, ads for Holiday presents were plentiful, including this one from Case's.



STRAIGHT POINTER!

What is a more appropriate and satisfactory Christmas Present to give to a friend or relative than a line

Photograph of Yourself

You can make two or three elegant presents to twelve of your relatives or best friends, by sitting now, while the weather is pleasant and before the holiday rush, and we will give you the finest work that ever left our establishment, at reasonable prices, and your worry about Christmas presents will be over.

A. A. BESAW.

By 1893, the first ad showed up by the middle of the November. This one from Besaw's photography on Nov. 19, urged people to get their photo made for a Christmas gift before the weather got bad.

SANTA CLAUS

Has a greeting to you all from his Headquarters at

McLaughlin & Ashmead's

DIME STORE, 140 S. MAIN ST.,

where you will find the Largest Assortment and Cheapest Prices of any kind of **HOLIDAY GOODS** in Logan County. Bells, Ribbons, Music Cards, Fancy Baskets, Hangers, Chicks, Eggs, Toys, and \$100 Rings, with an assortment of China, Glassware, Expensive Wagons, Automobiles, Dolls, Cobs, Steds, &c. Toys of every description.

Thirty Styles of Dolls from 1 cent up to \$1.43.

Picture Frames Made to Order.

Logan County's 75th year, the ads were large and plentiful, such as this one from Dec. 12, 1893. But during Logan County's Centennial in 1918, there were so many deaths from the Spanish Flu Epidemic, and so many soldiers away from home in the Great War, that Christmas took a back seat in the newspapers.

too. Each officer was given a staid cigar, postcard and a kodak picture of our men and cars in the train coming up here. Tables and halls were decorated by small Christmas trees and festoons and we had a German orchestra play for us from 1 to 2 (and for the corps men from 12 to 1) and the first piece they played was the "Star Spangled Banner." It certainly seemed strange to be here in Coblenz on the Rhine, in enemy territory and to have a German orchestra play the American National anthem and they gave a very good rendition of it, too. The wards all had Christmas trees and every patient received a package from the Red Cross, and the Red Cross did all the decorating and gave all presents. The nurses received each a cup and saucer, and the corps men received cigars and candy and each a Red Cross package. The Y. M. C. A. put on a number of entertainments down in the city last evening, and also to-night, but on account of the serious condition of one of my patients I did not go down. Such has been my best Christmas spent in Germany and it might have been much worse. The Germans make a lot of Christmas. It lasts two days with them. Last night they all stayed at home; no one on the streets or in cafes but Americans; all stores were closed, also.

By January, Christmas letters from the soldiers were showing up. This is part of one from Dr. A.J. McCracken who was stationed in Coblenz, Germany describing Christmas day in the hospital where he worked.



WHY MAKE IT A *Diamond Christmas*

Give Jewelry Gifts

To Be Treasured Always!

— And we do advise our noble soldiers. Use our jewelry plan if you wish. Drop it now—one of our selections for thoughtful generous giving.

Altman A. Smith

Jeweler
19 West Exchange Avenue

DISTINCTIVE SETTINGS

Make this a truly memorable Christmas. No one else can give you more. Give it now. With our diamond gemstones selection of diamond gifts is at the price we expect you to pay. We will give you the best of a diamond Christmas setting.

By 1943, ads were starting by Thanksgiving. While store ads such as Montgomery Wards suggested a "Practical Christmas", competing ads said not to spend money, but use it to buy War Bonds.

2018



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 03 Mary Rutan Award Luncheon (Private) in Atrium
- 06 Building Committee Meeting 8:30 am
- 08 Piecemakers Meeting 7:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 09 Athenian Club Meeting 7:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 09, 10, 11 Ben Logan 3rd Grades Tour Center
- 13 DAR Meeting 10:30 am Pres. Rm
- 15-21 History Center CLOSED for Kidfest Decorating
- 17 Society Meeting - The Holland Theatre 7:00 pm
- 20 Halloween KidFest 1:00 - 4:00 pm
- 22 Society Office REOPENS for regular hours 8 am - 5 pm
- 22 Young Historians 6:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 24 History Center REOPENS for regular hours 1 - 4:00 pm

NOVEMBER

- 03 Building Committee Meeting 8:30 am
- 08 Society Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10 DAR Meeting 10:30 am Pres. Rm
- 12 Piecemakers Meeting 7:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 13 Athenian Club Meeting 7:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 17 Genealogical Society Meeting 4:00 pm Atrium
- 21-25 History Center CLOSED for Holiday
- 26 Society Office REOPENS for regular hours 8 am - 5 pm
- 27 Young Historians 6:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 28 History Center REOPENS
for regular hours Wed-Sun 1:00 -4:00 pm
- 28 Genealogy Board Meeting 6:00 pm Pres. Rm

DECEMBER

- NO Building Committee Meeting
- 1 & 2 Christmas at the History Center 1:00 - 5:00 pm
- 05 Society Christmas Carry-In Meeting 6:00 pm
- 07 Veterans' Services Christmas 10:00 am
- 8 & 9 Christmas at the History Center 1:00 - 5:00 pm
- 10 Piecemakers Meeting 7:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 11 Athenian Club 7:00 pm
- 13 Retired Teachers Christmas Luncheon (Private) in Atrium
- 17 Young Historians 6:00 pm Pres. Rm
- Dec 21 - Jan 1 History Center CLOSED for holidays

JANUARY

- 01 CLOSED for New Year's Day
- 02 Society Office REOPENS for regular hours 8 am - 5 pm
- 02 History Center REOPENS for regular hours 1 pm - 4 pm
- 05 Building Committee meeting 8:30 am Pres. Rm
- 10 Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 14 Piecemakers Meeting 7:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 22 Young Historians Meeting 6:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 23 Genealogical Society Board Meeting 6:00 pm

MEETING NOTICE

October Meeting

The Logan County Historical Society Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the AcuSport Meeting Room in the Logan County History Center. Kris Swisher, president of the Logan County Landmark Preservation, Inc., and/or Chris Westhoff, Managing Director, will discuss the upcoming restoration projects at the historic theater that is being made possible through a large grant from the Jeffris Family Foundation and a matching grant from the organization's own fundraising campaign.

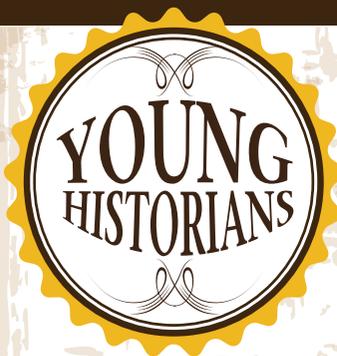
The program is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

December 5, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Membership Christmas Meeting

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 2019 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 5th at 6:00 p.m. Please try to come and bring your family and friends!



The Young Historians kicked-off our 17th year in September with an introduction to this year's theme - The Tastes of Logan County. We will continue our look at what foods have been grown in Logan County, how food has been preserved and much more. We will meet next on October 22nd from 6:00-7:00 in the Presidents' Room of the Logan County Museum. We will be making Christmas tree decorations for the Young Historians' Christmas tree at the November 27th meeting. We will have our annual Christmas party on December 17th. Both the November and December meetings will be from 6:00-7:00 in the Presidents' Room.

The Young Historians is open to 1st graders on up. If you have any questions, please call Todd at 593-7557 or email at tmccormick@loganhistory.org.



June 8, 2018

September 12, 2018

G. Bruce & Louise Norris
Local business ephemera

Nancy Harmon
Family and First Lutheran (Bellefontaine) photographs, donor's school savings/bank book, reflex hammer

Linda Snider
Letters to the West Mansfield Postmaster, advertisement for Washington, Jr. (racehorse) of West Mansfield

Gloria Vee Hamilton
Gail Hamilton's Kin Hubbard/Abe Martin book collection, postcard from Tom Hubbard

In Honor of Larry J. & Gail A. (Lynd) McKirahan
Bellefontaine Big Four/New York Central Roundhouse photographs

Pat Ward
Bellefontaine Class of 1915, West Liberty High School (1925)

Gary & Joyce Downey
Voting booth curtains from Rushcreek Twp.

Betty Hennessy
Mah-jongg game set

Danny & Kay Morgan
Antrim's History of Champaign & Logan Counties, Kennedy's Historical Review of Logan County, Ohio

Gene Plank
BHS Class of 1963 oversized class composite

Pamela L. Kelly
Rushsylvania H.S. Cheerleading uniform

Dr. Sloan Library
Collapsible voting booth used in Jefferson Township

Robert Gardner
Wooden highchair used by multiple generations of the Gardner family

Mildred Bush
Household item, mid-1800s wooden trunk, tools

Steven Hudson
Wooden sign for Stokes' Family Shropshire Sheep, Bellefontaine High School Alumni Directory, 1944-2004

Jeff Jacobs
Photograph of railroad workers in front of the Bellefontaine Big Four/New York Central Roundhouse

William B. McCormick
Glass plate negatives & photos of 301 N. Center Street and street scene of North Center St. in Belle Center

Judy Oldiges
DeLong's Appliance work apron, whetstone compliments, H.E. Tudor Electric Motors

Perry Hodies, III
Wooden sign for Highview Farms, Doc Flannery

Jack Harold LeVan
Baseball glove used by Herschel Harold "Babe" Willits when he played at Monroe High School

Gene & Jene (Miller) Kress & Glen Miller
A.J. Miller ledger, photographs other documents, doll collection, etc.

Pat Ortli
Crocheted tablecloths

Terry & Susan Conley
School yearbooks

Barbara Stoll
Wedding clothes of Omar Werdie Stoll and Mona Weldon Stoll

Martha Jackson
DeGraff newspaper "The Envoy" October 18, 1956

Jean Leininger
Maple syrup cans from local producers, Benjamin Logan Concert Band record, Crazy Quilt, Police Scanner

Cindy (Nolan) Dickson
Satan's Angels programs

Chris Dillon
Blueprints/Floor drawings of Armstrong & Allen Furniture Store (1st floor), 133 W. Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine

John Shively
Bottle of Brandon's Belle's Delight, skin oil, Rev. T.H. Brandon - George T. Brandon Co., Bellefontaine, Ohio

Joyce A. Zilles
Booklet "Years Ahead" - OSU Commencement Address by Willard Kiplinger, 1958

Ermil L. Geer
Local business ephemera

Charles Rath
Book Ohio's Black Hand Syndicate: The Birth of Organized Crime in America - Bellefontaine is mentioned several times

Becky Meyer
Rockwell ashtray

LOGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES YOU!

ALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST!

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

NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I can help with (check as many as apply):

- Adult Tours** docent
- Student Tours** docent
- Reg. Open Hours** tours docent
- Young Historians Club** assistant
- 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
- Fundraising** Committee volunteer
- 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:

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Bellefontaine, OH 43311-2401

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 19**, you are paid up for 2019!

MERRY Christmas

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

from all of us at the
Logan County Historical Society



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