

# HISTORY MATTERS

Fall Issue 2017

Making *History* Come Alive!

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## Christmas at the History Center Open House

521 E. Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine

December 2nd & 3rd

AND

December 9th & 10th from  
1:00 to 5:00 pm

THE LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER  
beautifully decorated for the Holidays

BIG GIFT SHOP SALE

FREE PUNCH & COOKIES

FREE FAMILY CRAFT ACTIVITIES

LIVE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE TREES & ROOM:

Approximately

25 HALLWAY TREES &

12 ORR MANSION ROOMS

decorated by

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information  
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Spirit of Christmas  
with us!



LCHC  
LOGAN COUNTY  
HISTORY  
CENTER

# 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

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### SOCIETY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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Todd McCormick

### YOUNG HISTORIANS 2017-2018



The Young Historians Club is starting its 16th year of fun and learning about Logan County history. This year's theme will be Logan County's Bicentennial.

We will be celebrating Logan County's 200th birthday by working on a variety of projects as we learn some of Logan County's important history. Some of our projects may even be put on exhibit for the Logan County History Center's Salute to the Logan County's Bicentennial open house on Sunday, April 15, 2018.

Once again, the meeting dates will generally be the 4th Mondays or Tuesdays of each month from 6:00-7:00. There will be some months that we must meet on different Mondays or Tuesdays due to holidays, school schedules and scheduling conflicts at the museum. The following is the tentative 2017-2018 schedule for the Young Historians, the dates and topics may change. Due to scheduling conflicts, we will not be meeting in September. Our first meeting will be on October 23rd. We will once again meet in the Presidents' Room of the Logan County History Center, 521 E. Columbus Ave. Bellefontaine, Ohio.

- October 23rd (Mon.) 6:00-7:00 – Introduction to this year's theme Logan County's Bicentennial. Overview of Logan County history.
- November 28th (Tue.) 6:00-7:00 – Christmas Tree Decorations.
- December 11th (Mon.) 6:00-7:00 – Christmas Party. Note this is the second Monday due to the Christmas Holidays.
- January 22nd (Mon.) 6:00-7:00 – Logan County history.
- February 27th (Tue.) 6:00-7:00 – Logan County Timeline
- March 19th (Mon.) 6:00-7:00 – Famous Logan Countians
- April 24th (Tue.) 6:00-7:00 – Logan County in 200 Years Letter/Poster
- May 21rd (Mon.) 6:00-7:00 – End of School Year Ice Cream Sundae Party. Note this is the 3rd Monday.

The Young Historians is open to 1st graders on up. We hope past members will return for another year and we welcome newcomers.

If you have any questions, please call Todd at 593-7557 or email at [tmccormick@loganhhistory.org](mailto:tmccormick@loganhhistory.org).

See you soon,

Todd

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



### Monthly \$20 Gift Certificate Drawing

June Winner: **Bruce Norris**

July Winner: **Jim VanNess**

August Winner: **Bill McCormick**



Logan County Historical Society's

# HALLOWEEN KIDFEST

Saturday, October 21

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

For kids ages 4-12

- MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

**Admission:**

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

**Michael Griffin**  
Escape Artist/Magician 3:00-3:45



Escape and Magic Show  
with America's Escape Hero,  
Michael Griffin

Michael is the only performer  
in the World that combines his  
"intensely original magic and  
impossible escapes", featuring  
almost 100% audience interaction.

To learn more about Michael Griffin,  
go to [www.escapeguy.com](http://www.escapeguy.com)

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

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

**Kids' Costume Contest at 3:45**

Costume Contest Categories:  
Scariest, Cutest, Most Original, Best Overall

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER  
TO HELP WITH THE KIDFEST?**

**IF SO, PLEASE CALL TONI AT 593-7557**

**OR EMAIL HER AT [TMCPHERSON@LOGANHISTORY.ORG](mailto:TMCPHERSON@LOGANHISTORY.ORG).**

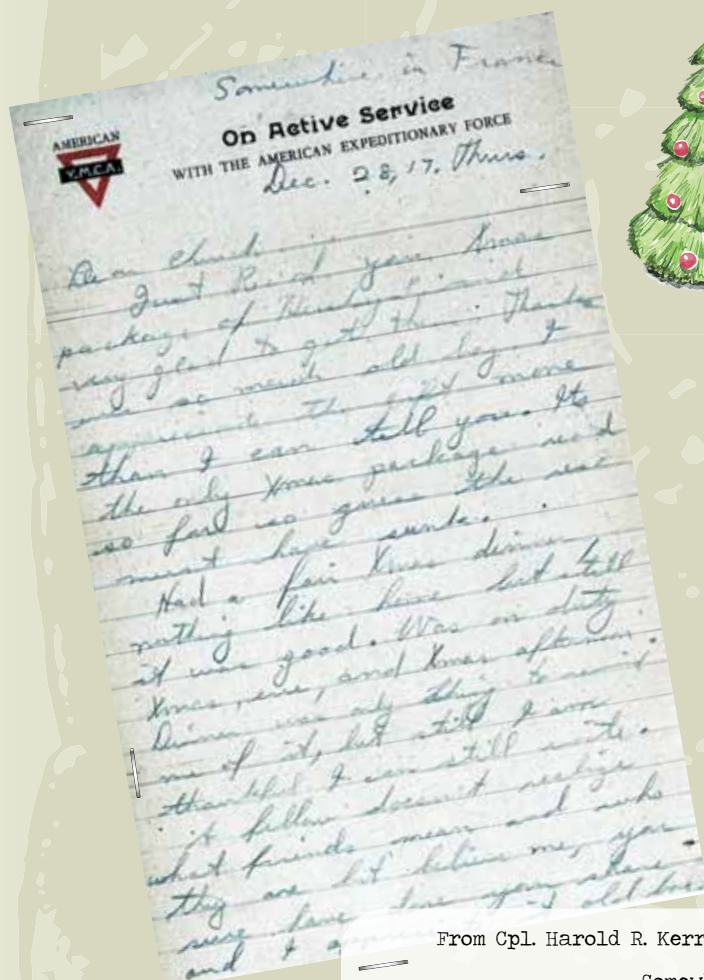
**WE ARE SURE YOU WILL HAVE FUN AND TRULY ENJOY YOURSELF IF YOU DO!**

*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](mailto:tmccormick@loganhistory.org).

In conjunction with the October opening of our new WWI Exhibit, we thought we'd share these WWI Christmas letters sent back home to loved ones in the states.



From Cpl. Harold R. Kerr to his friend, Garton Churchill

Somewhere in France

Dec. 28, 17, Thurs.

Dear Church,

Just Rec'd your Xmas package of "Hersheys" and very glad to get them. Thanks ever so much old boy. I appreciate the gift more than I can tell you. It's the only Xmas package rec'd so far so guess the rest must have sunk.

Had a fair Xmas dinner nothing like home but still it was good. Was on duty Xmas, eve, and Xmas afternoon. Dinner was only thing to remind me of it, but still I am thankful I can still write.

A fellow doesn't realize what friends mean and who they are but believe me, you sure have done your share and I appreciate it old boy.

George and Royal are also, Ok. Very cold here. Unless something happens don't expect to be home for 1 yr. yet anyway. I only wish I had finished my year out at school, but then, I wouldn't have been here if I had. Well must quit. Give best to all and send regards to your folks.

Goodby boy  
Your friend  
as ever  
Kerr

Cpl. H. R. Kerr  
17th Co, 5th Regt.  
U.S.M.C.  
Via New York  
A.E.F.



## SERG. HERBERT A. CARR

Writes a Letter to His Father, H. H. Carr, of Mt. Tabor.

ST. NAZAIRE, FRANCE.  
November 24, 1918.

MY DEAR FATHER:

This, the 24th day of November, 1918, is set aside by the members of the "A. E. F." through the "Stars and Stripes" to write their fathers a Xmas letter. A Xmas cheer; one that will not wear off.

Christmas, the most hallowed day of the year, always brings glad tidings for each and every one of us. Father means more to a person than any one else can ever imagine, who has not been away where it was impossible to see any one you know. This is my second Xmas away from home without seeing any one I ever knew before. This time has flown for me and hope that it has with you. However, this is the last one that I will be away from the threshold of home and loved ones.

The reverence of father, the love of mother are the two factors that hold a man to character and true Christian manhood.

The world's a stage and each must play his part. We are here in France we have helped kill kultur and raise civilization to a higher plane. This could only be accomplished through the training of father and mother behind. We knew they were behind us; we knew we were here to defend them. We have. We have brought security to our land, peace to the world and joy to all Christianity.

Father, let's cheer up. Let's have a Merry Xmas. I am not there in person, but will be in spirit. Clean the platter for me. Let's all go 'round and have a jolly good time, one that we can never forget.

A Xmas to be remembered, all together, but Herb, he in France. Come one and all. A merry Xmas and happy, prosperous New Year.

With my best wishes.

Your Loving Son,

SERG. HERBERT A. CARR,  
No. 784643, Organization Park, M. T. C.,  
Base Section No. 1, A. P. O. No. 781,  
Am. Ex. Forces.

(Enclosed a poem I saw the other day, have you seen it, very appropriate, I think.)

### "FATHER"

Through valiant years he worked and saved and planned.

To give his boy the opportunities That he himself had missed; the luxuries Of boarding school and college, travel and

Leisure to think out what he'd best command

Of life and chance. His father's heart was set

On having him keep up the business, yet

He left him to decide with liberal hand.

And when the war came, Father laid his hopes aside,

And helped his son to train up and enlist.

Now at the meeting he tells with ebbery pride:

"My boy writes me from France," his graphic list

Brought firmly down. None guess his anxious heart,

So well he plays, with smiles and jokes, his part.

Mrs. Arreva Curl, of Middleburg, has received the following interesting letter from her son:

Imperial Hotel, Blackpool, Eng.

December 13, 1917.

Dear Mother,—

I am stationed at the above hotel for the present, have been here for a week now. We are waiting orders to go to France and in the meantime are drilling about five hours each day, in order to learn something about military discipline. I don't mind the work at all, in fact I rather like it. There are sixteen American doctors in the crowd here, representing about that many different states in the U. S.

Blackpool is a very nice city, it being England's summer resort, very much like our Atlantic City in America, and is therefore well supplied with fine hotels of which the one we are in is one of the largest and best. I expect that by the time this reaches you Christmas will be here or past, but any way I am wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope this finds you all well and that everything is going along nicely.

We have no complaints to make, are enjoying the work so far very much, even though we expect to suffer some hardships when we get to France. The true American spirit is to go through with it bravely and with a determination to win out in the end.

Your Son,  
G. R. CURL.

## LETTER FROM JOHN SHAFFER

Tells of What is Going On at Camp Sheridan—Boys Had a Happy Christmas.

CAMP SHERIDAN, ALA.,  
Saturday, Dec. 29, 1918.

FRIEND DON:

As I am on the sick list and the first chance I had to write for several days, I will send my thanks for the presents you sent me, and hope I may send you some in return soon, as there are so many different things here to send I do not know which you would be the most pleased with.

We are having a nice little winter all of our own now, and I think its almost as cold as up home.

Paul Snook and myself were through the State House yesterday, and there we saw many things of interest, one especially, a bedroom suite that Jefferson Davis used, and it was sure worth looking at as it was the oldest one I have ever seen. Also there were the old guns that General Lee used and also his old sword, a case of battle flags which were captured by the North and then returned by the War Department, and skeletons of negroes, and so many other things that it would take a Big Six tablet to tell you all about it.

I would like to tell you what we had for our Christmas dinner but it would be too much trouble, as I would have to look up the menu, and I think some one sent it home. I have so much candy, etc., that I will be a week or so getting rid of it. Every one in my tent received about five or six packages, and they were all just like the one you and Jim sent me, and now we are planning how to eat all of it and not get sick before it spoils.

Christmas day it rained harder than ever before, and there were hundreds of people from Ohio here to see their sons. People were allowed to visit them in their tents and it was only allowed for that day.

We are going to have a shirt-tail parade up town New Year's day, and the Montgomery Advertiser (the leading newspaper) is also giving a program. I don't suppose you know what a shirt-tail parade is, so I will tell you. We all wear pajamas and have to march the same as when in formation. They are great, only it is a little cool for them just now.

Our Colonel went away and Major Williams now has charge of the regiment.

I was glad to hear that Ruel Williams arrived safely in France, and hope all the rest do.

I sent a picture of the artillery camp home, and if you will go down home they will show it to you. It is worth going to see as it is the only one we are allowed to send out of camp.

Well, I suppose you have about enough of this, so I will close and send my best to all.

I remain as ever,

JOHN SHAFFER,  
Supply Co., 1st O. F. A., 134th Reg.,  
37th Div.

P. S.—All were surprised to hear that Coulter Allen was married.



# 2017



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 06 Society OFFICE CLOSED for Annual Conference  
History Center OPEN as usual 1:00-4:00 pm
- 07 Building Committee Meeting 8:30 am
- 07 Boy Scout Group Tour - History Center 1:00 pm
- 09 Piecemakers Meeting 7:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 10 Athenian Club Meeting 7:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 10, 11, & 12 Ben Logan 3rd Grades Tours 9:00 am
- 14 DAR Meeting 10:30 am Pres. Rm
- 14 Genealogy Meeting 4:00 pm Atrium
- 16-24 HISTORY CENTER CLOSED for KidFest preparations
- 18 Society Meeting, Janet Blank's new East Liberty book 7:00 pm
- 21 Halloween KidFest 1:00-3:00 pm
- 21 Michael Griffin Escape Artist/Magician Show 3:00-3:45 pm
- 21 Kids' Halloween Costume Contest (for 4-12 yr olds) 3:45-4:00ish
- 23 Young Historians 6:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 27 Christmas Committee Meeting 1:30 pm

### NOVEMBER

- 04 Building & Christmas Committees Tree Setup 8:30 am
- 08-09 Atrium Tree Setup Days
- 09 Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 11 DAR Meeting 10:30 am Pres. Rm
- 13 Piecemakers Meeting 7:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 14 Athenian Club Meeting 7:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 22 Genealogy Meeting 6:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 22-26 History Center CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28 Young Historians 6:00 pm Pres. Rm

### DECEMBER

- NO Building Committee Meeting
- 2&3 and 9&10 Christmas at the History Center Open House 1:00-5:00 pm
- 06 Society Christmas Carry-In Dinner Meeting 6:00 pm
- 11 Young Historians Christmas Meeting 6:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 12 Athenian Club Meeting 7:00 pm Pres. Rm
- Dec 23 - Jan 1 -- CLOSED - History Center & Society Office -- CLOSED

### JANUARY

- 06 Building Committee Meeting 8:30 am
- 08 Piecemakers Meeting 7:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 09 Athenian Meeting 7:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 11 Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 22 Young Historians 6:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 24 Genealogy Board Meeting 6:00 pm Pres. Rm

## MEETING NOTICE

October 18, 2017, 7:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

Janet Akey Blank will be the speaker at the October Historical Society Membership Meeting. Janet will tell us about her new book, *The History of East Liberty, Ohio- One Small Town with Big Character*. It is a pictorial history covering 1803 to the present that includes hundreds of photos with captions. Chapter topics included are business, hunting, trapping & fishing, military, landmarks, sports, people, farms & families, events, pride, and interviews with local people.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the AcuSport Meeting Room.

We hope you can join us for an evening of local, down home history!

Light refreshments will be served.

December 6, 2017, 6:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Christmas Meeting

As we have in the past for our annual Membership Christmas meeting, we are 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 is an important meeting since we will vote for our new 2018 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 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Please try to come- and bring your family and friends!

The Logan County History Center has a small but distinctive collection of guns made by local gunsmiths including this Kentucky/Pennsylvania type long rifle made by S.W. (William) Hornback. Mr. Hornback was a gunsmith from Quincy, Ohio around the 1850s. The rifle belonged to John Shoots of Zanesfield.

We would like to thank Ray Quay of Sergeant's Gunsmithing in Huntsville. Mr. Quay donated much of his time and services in the restoration of this rifle. It was through this cleaning and restoration, and his own research, that Mr. Quay discovered that Hornback made the rifle and that he was from Quincy. Although the rifle has been in the museum's collection for many years, we did not know much about it other than that it belonged to John Shoots. Mr. Quay's professional and detailed work has brought the historical significance of this rifle to light and in the process brought the rifle back to its original beauty.

Mr. Quay also restored our Moxley rifles that are on exhibit in the Underground Railroad Room and the Garner rifle in the Museum lobby. He has worked on several other guns in our collection as well.

Thank you to Ray Stamm for making the rifle display case.





June 9, 2017



September 11, 2017

**Bob Notestine**  
Monroe High School  
graduation announcement

**Bruce & Louise Norris**  
Drive-In theater speaker,  
CD by local group Soul Fire,  
WWII OPA ration tokens

**Herbert Kinnan**  
photograph of the Logan County  
Lumber Co., late 1800s/early 1900s

**Vera A. Miller**  
Harold F. Miller's American Legion/  
Satan's Angels Drum & Bugle  
Corps uniform, helmet and bugle

**Paula Condon**  
Merchants Industries PR photo  
album

**Athenian Club**  
Club archives

**Karen Kennedy**  
Hopewell Dairy milk bottles

**Grace Miller Smith**  
1945 Plat map of Bloomfield Twp.

**Richard Lyman**  
Irene Joslin wedding dress and  
dresser set case

**Ralph Wood**  
photographs of the Holland Theatre  
marquee in the 1940s

**Charlie Reed**  
BHS Class of 1967 oversized class  
composite photograph board

**Nicole Fawcett**  
photographs and USA Volleyball  
uniform of Nicole Fawcett

**Donald Kenoyer**  
Toy wagon from The Churchill  
Hardware Co. in Bellefontaine,  
covered wagon tarpot

**Richard Misplon**  
Political buttons, local business  
items

**Don R. Ambos**  
Blue Jacket Outdoor Drama 10th  
Anniversary poster

**Patrick D. Tebo**  
Postcard sent to Zanesfield Ohio  
from Iva Male Short Williams

**Greenfield Historical Society**  
Indian Lake postcard (O'Connor's  
Landing)

**Mary Ann Patterson**  
book Logan County, Ohio: Glimpses  
of the Past

**Ruth Elliott**  
USMC uniforms of Dan Elliott, pho-  
tographs and military certificates of  
Wilbur, Billie, Dan Elliott

**Pat Ortli**  
stemware and silver-plate flatware

**Jim DeLong**  
bugle

**Janet Sidesinger Montgomery**  
1926 DeGraff diploma, framed  
photo of the Logan County Normal  
School Class of 1926 and framed  
photo of the Monroe Twp. School  
Class of 1929

**Beth Marshall**  
Bellefontaine souvenir ashtray

**Becky Dixon & Carol Dixon Moon**  
Silver Show Horse Saddle belong-  
ing to parents John R. & Jean B.  
Dixon, Horse Show outfit, photo-  
graphs of the Dixon Horse Farm  
and Dixons in horse shows

**Janet Blank**  
CD of scanned East Liberty Echo  
newspapers

**James Perkins**  
Southeastern Elementary 4th Grade  
Class photo 1961-1962,  
Helen Sherburn 1961 BHS diploma  
and transcript, genealogy records

**Mary Agner**  
Rocking chair that has been in the  
William Nation Harvey family five  
generations

**Marlyn & Pamela Kelly**  
Ohio B-1 Wings Honda Gold Wing  
Club jacket and vests, plaque for  
Rushsylvania's new fire truck in  
1955, Marlyn's Fair & 4-H ribbons

**Robert DeVor**  
Logan County Rural Director  
1929-1930-1931

**Tammy Leinbach**  
photographs

**Don Click**  
Logan County postcards

**Ron Irick**  
book Fort Amanda (1790-1814): A  
Historical Redress

**Don Davidson**  
1940s & 1970s Bellefontaine  
Examiner newspapers

**Jean Zupp & Betty Hunt**  
Obituaries and funeral cards

**Larry Copeland**  
Civil War Discharge of Josiah Doty,  
Eugene Copeland grade cards,  
grandfather Cloyd Nichell's pocket  
watch

**Richard & Jeanne Vicario Estate**  
Various items from Richard Vicar-  
io's terms as Bellefontaine Mayor  
and city council, books, caricature  
drawn by Bellefontaine native and  
cartoonist Jeff Stahler

## LOGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES YOU!

**ALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST!**

**NEW MEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_ **RENEWAL** \_\_\_\_\_

### DUES:

Family - \$30  
Business - \$50

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

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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](http://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.  
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 **17**, you are paid up for 2017!



# Happy Holidays

From All of Us at  
The Logan County Historical Society



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