

# HISTORY MATTERS

Winter Issue 2018

Making *History* Come Alive!



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## HAPPY 200TH BIRTHDAY LOGAN COUNTY!

From Blue Jacket and Tahre giving speeches through the smoky air of the intertribal council being held in the council house at Wapatomica, to George Bartholomew experimenting with different formulas of concrete in his laboratory in the rear of Butler's Drug Store until he came up with the formula that forever changed transportation history, to the clickety-clack of the wheels of a powerful New York Central steam engine slowly pulling into the Bellefontaine roundhouse to be worked on, to a young couple dancing at the Minnewawa Dance Hall to the music of Tommy Dorsey, Logan County has been the site of many important and interesting historical events. If you close your eyes perhaps you can even be transported back in time and smell the smoke of the ceremonial pipes at Wapatomica or hear the squealing of metal on metal as that steam engine

comes to a stop in the roundhouse, or feel Bartholomew's excitement as he finally realizes his dream of paving America's streets with his concrete, or even get goosebumps hearing the big band music and dancing with your sweetheart! We will be celebrating this history and a lot more in 2018 when Logan County turns 200 years-old!

Although Logan County officially turns 200 on March 1, 2018, the county will be celebrating this special birthday throughout 2018 with various activities and events. We hope the Logan County community and beyond will join in on the celebration.

The once-in-a-lifetime celebration kick-off will be on Saturday, **March 17th at the Holland Theatre at 7:00 p.m.** The evening will include music from local schools, artwork and soliloquies from some of the Logan County's most-noted historical figures as they come to life once again on the Holland's unique stage.

We hope that throughout the year the Logan County Bicentennial will be celebrated all around the county at events already established in the villages. The Logan County Bicentennial Committee and the Logan County History Center will be providing historical exhibits and information at these events.

The Logan County History Center will host its **Salute to Logan County's Bicentennial Open House on Sunday, April 15th from 1:00 to 4:00.** The open house will feature the exhibit *200 Artifacts and 200 Photographs of Logan County History.* The exhibit(s) will remain up at the History Center throughout the year. The History Center/Bicentennial Committee will also be providing a speaker's bureau on various topics of Logan County History. Please contact Todd McCormick at (937) 593-7557 or [tmccormick@loganhistory.org](mailto:tmccormick@loganhistory.org) for more information.

There will be another major countywide event later in the year. Look for more information in the near future. We hope you will be a part of this special celebration of Logan County's Bicentennial 1818-2018! The Logan County Area Chamber of Commerce at 937-599-5121 or the Logan County History Center at 937-593-7557.

Logan County Bicentennial Committee

Site of the Shawnee Village  
WAPATOMICA  
Destroyed in 1786 by Gen. Logan. Home of Chief Black Hoof. Simon Kenton ran the gantlet here in 1778. General Council of 7 Indian Nations was held here in 1782.



# 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.

#### **LOGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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## **The Ohio History Fund Grant Program** **The More We All Give, the More Grants** **the History Fund Makes Back to Us**

The Ohio History Connection's History Fund grant program is one of the few grant program in the state just for history, pre-history, and historic preservation projects – and it needs your help to grow. If you receive a refund on your Ohio income taxes, consider donating a portion of it to the "Ohio History Fund" tax "check-off," line 26d on your state tax return.

Our goal for the History Fund this year is a modest \$88,000, a slight increase in tax check-off donations in 2017, and approximately \$11 from 8,000 Ohioans. Coupled with sales of Ohio History mastodon license plates and donations to the Ohio History Connection for the History Fund (see below), our goal is to have \$90,000 for the program by the end of the year.

Your donation with those from your friends, relatives, and thousands of other history lovers makes grants possible for local history projects in places big and small throughout Ohio. Since the Ohio History Fund started in 2012, it has made 54 grants in 33 counties for a total of \$522,000. Proving that there is a great need for the History Fund, it has received 249 grant applications from 55 counties, totaling almost \$3 million in requests! For a list of grant recipients, visit <https://www.ohiohistory.org/preserve/local-history-office/history-fund/recipients>

Not receiving a tax refund? You can still help: buy an Ohio History mastodon license plate. Twenty dollars from the sale of each set of plates benefits the History Fund grant program. To learn more, visit: <http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/vr-sp-organization.aspx>

You can also make a donation directly to the Ohio History Connection for the History Fund, visit [www.ohiohistory.org](http://www.ohiohistory.org) and click on "Give." Be sure to designate your gift "for Ohio History Fund."

The more you give to the Ohio History Fund, the more grants it can make to organizations that preserve history in our state. Questions about the History Fund? Visit [www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund](http://www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund) or call Andy Verhoff in the Ohio History Connection's Local History Service department at 614-297-2341 or email [averhoff@ohiohistory.org](mailto:averhoff@ohiohistory.org). Thanks!

## **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**



### **Monthly \$20 Gift Certificate Drawing**

**September Winner: Sandy Yoder**

**October Winner: Keitha Dugan**

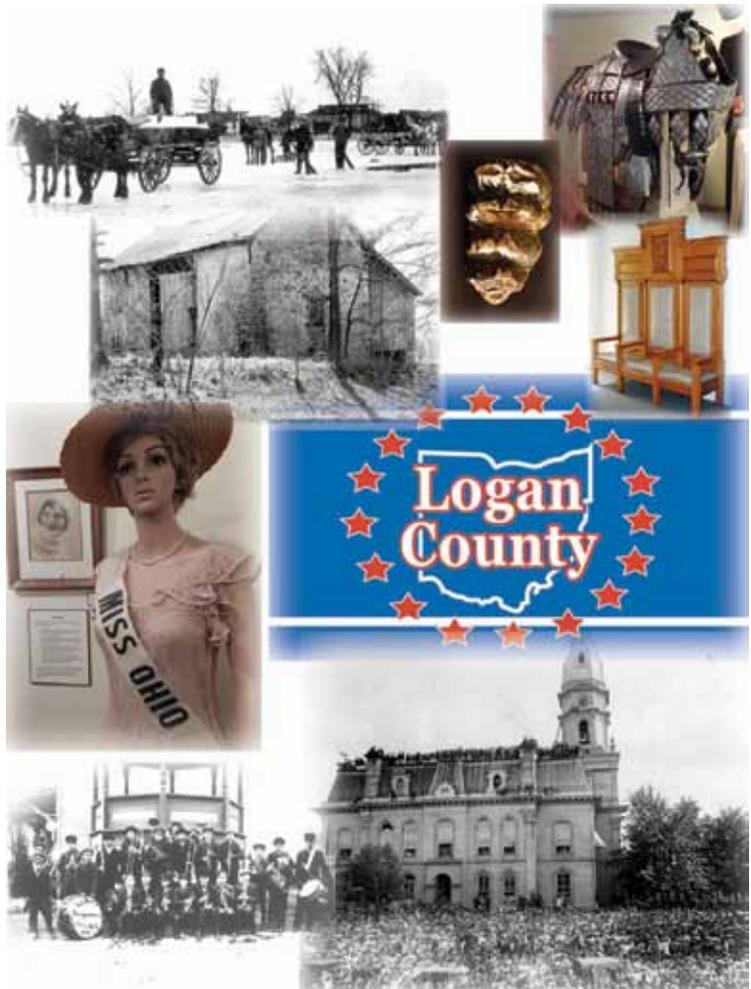
**November Winner: Judy Snyder**



**LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER'S**  
*Salute to the*  
**Logan County Bicentennial**

**Sunday, April 15, 2018**  
**1:00pm - 4:00pm**

*200 Artifacts & 200 photographs of Logan County history featured throughout the History Center.*



**THANKS**  
*For Your*  
**HELP & SUPPORT**

The Logan County Historical Society cannot function without the support of our wonderful volunteers who worked more than 3875 hours in 2017!

Our volunteers help in a variety of ways including as docents for our regular open hours or guides for kids' tours, adult tours, open houses, and special programs, as helpers in archives, photo archives, as trustees or officers on the board, cookie bakers and in many other capacities.

We always need more volunteers! If you would like to join us as a volunteer, please call Todd or Toni at 593-7557 and let us know what your interest is. We would love to include you in this list next year!

Listed are all Center volunteers who completed our Volunteer Hours forms. If you are not listed, be sure to fill one out next year so we can acknowledge your contribution!

Name	Total Hours	Name	Total Hours
Don Corwin	437	Nancy Ledley	29
Elaine DeMarsh	318.5	Louise Norris	26.5
Amanda Norris	200	Sharon Kinney	26
Judy Snyder	194	Robin Butler	24
Kylee Gill	165.5	Kay Ropp	21
Jim DeLong	150	Pam Ark	20
Charlie Patrick	150	Terry Conley	20
Rick Nelson	149	Kit Wehe	20
Bruce Norris	137.5	Marty Marine	18
Brian Baker	127	Pat Allen	15
Pat Ortli	120	David Saxby	14
Dwight Hansen	116.5	Kathy Dixon	12
Tam VanNess	108.5	Nikki Smith	12
Jim VanNess	86	Ray Swisher	12
Ray Stamm	76	Amanda Ark	10
Sally Stephan	73.5	Dan Bratka	10
Diana Wackerman	70	Mary Mortimer	10
Tim McPherson	67.5	Sandy Yoder	9
George Wackerman	63.5	Dawn Maloy	8
Bill McCormick	62.5	Nadine Tussing	8
Jody Nolin	60	Harry Dugan	6
Vert Molitor	55	Ryan McCormick	6
Brian Harmon	50	Margie Bixler	5
Bonnie Hansen	47.5	Doug Chamberlain	5
Jean Leininger	46	Terri Lamb	5
Bob Easterday	42	John Marshall	5
Jessica Brueshaber	40	Pat Swanson	5
Bob Notestine	38	Amy McCormick	4.5
Dorothy Notestine	36	Janet Blank	3
Dee Dee Ricketts	36	Ray McCormick	3
Ron Ricketts	36	Bob Mitchell	3
Karen Beasley	35	Marsha Roberts	3
Keitha Dugan	32	Shawndel Wilson	3
Breck McCracken	31	Joyce Zilles	3
Janice Stover	30	Jim King	2

*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).

# The Logan County Historical Society

*wishes to thank everyone who helped  
make the 2017 Christmas at the History Center  
open house a great success!*

**\*\* Denotes Favorites Winners  
CONGRATULATIONS**

## **ADULT TREES:**

WL Garden Club  
The Studio  
Logan County Genealogical Society  
Young Professionals  
Logan County Art League  
Eastern Star  
DAR  
Shawnee Springs Sr. Housing  
**\*\* Top of Ohio Patriots**  
Junior Fair Board  
AmeriCorps  
Soteria House  
Logan County WIC Program

## **KIDS TREES:**

**\*\* Ben Logan Kindergartens**  
Ben Logan 1 Grades  
Ben Logan 2 Grades  
Lo Co Art Club  
Ben Logan 3 Grades  
Ben Logan 4 Grades  
Homestrings Dulcimers  
Heritage Girls  
Young Historians

## **ORR'S 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR ROOMS:**

Logan County Genealogical Society  
**\*\* 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church  
of Bellefontaine**  
Logan County Library  
Logan County DAR  
Vets to DC Project  
Logan County Piecemakers

## **CENTER DECORATORS:**

Pam Ark  
Amanda Ark  
Brian Baker  
Don Corwin  
Jim DeLong  
Elaine DeMarsh  
Susan Givler  
Jeannie Jenkins  
Dawn Maloy  
Beth Marshall  
John Marshall  
Ryan McCormick  
Amy McCormick  
Jody Nolin  
Pat Ortli

Karen Prater  
David Saxby  
Judy Snyder  
Sally Stephan  
Tam VanNess  
Jim VanNess  
Diana Wackerman  
George Wackerman  
Leslie Warne  
Kit Wehe

## **OPEN HOUSE WORKERS:**

*(Those not included in Committee List)*

Bonnie Hansen  
Bob Notestine  
Dorothy Notestine  
Brian Harmon  
Nikki Smith  
Sharon Kinney  
Bill McCormick  
Rick Nelson  
Tim McPherson  
Mary Mortimer  
Keitha Dugan  
Terri Lamb  
Mary Johnson  
Dan Bratka  
Robin Butler  
Jean Leininger  
Breck McCracken  
Bruce Norris  
Louise Norris  
Kit Wehe  
Dawn Maloy  
Nancy Ledley  
Karen Beasley

## **COOKIE DONORS:**

Karen Montgomery  
Charlene Baker  
Judy Snyder  
Susan Corwin  
Shawndel Wilson  
Ginger Beasley  
Pat Ortli  
Joyce Core  
Mary Mortimer  
Nancy Magnuson  
Mary Ann Knecht  
Peggy Thompson

## **MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT:**

**BHS Jazz Band**  
**Mad River Valley Dulcimers**  
**BHS LeFons**  
**Popular Demand**

## **God's Children Choir**

Marla Stockton  
Marsha Scipio  
Joan Gaines  
Lisa Mitchell  
Melonia Wilson  
Peggy Roberts  
Mary Breaston Tate  
Mark Mitchell  
Eddie Coleman  
Clinton Mitchell  
Marlene Mitchell

## **Home Strings Dulcimer Club**

Isaac Brown  
Chase Schaub  
Griffin Schaub  
Titus Davie  
Ezra Davie  
Philip Davie  
Abel Davie  
Lydia Davie  
Katelyn Cole  
Ava Cole  
Lucy Cole  
Ava Butcher  
Sam Moreland  
Ollie Moreland  
Jake Moreland  
Alexis Lambert  
Keira Lambert  
Bess Bump  
Judy Gattis  
Leanna George

## **Harp Duet**

Leanna George  
Elaine Newcomer

## **Neighborhood Friends**

Leanna George  
Jadzia Café  
Xienna Café  
Qaizin Café  
Rivvyn Café  
Fiona Sweeny  
Liam Sweeney  
Keira Lambert  
Dalton Frazier  
Ava Butcher  
Ollie Moreland  
Joel Bright  
Marissa Sweeney  
**Paula Deardurff Students**  
Ava Graham  
Ollie Moreland  
Sam Moreland

Jake Moreland  
Blaine Mitchell  
Laney Mitchell  
Rayven Peters  
Savannah Sheeley  
Anna Kratz  
Anthony Zamora  
Lincoln Howell  
Truman Howell  
Kelley Forsythe  
Palmer Neeld  
Perri Neeld  
Mikayla Stepp  
Ally Barker  
Bella Binfet  
Connor Rose  
Nick Ricker  
Krissy Thompson  
Carolyn Dunn  
**Saxophones**  
Larry Walker  
Nick Pelphrey  
Chuck Croutwater (piano)  
Matt Roach  
Lincoln Howell  
Evan Kauffman  
Trent Marcinko  
Neil Kauffman  
Ben Sailors  
**Shirley McPherson Students**  
Carter Barnett  
Lottie Bodin  
Winnie Bodin  
Sebastian Cook-Finnegan  
Allison Culp  
Ryan Culp  
Matthew Culp  
Julia Easton  
Caroline Frieders  
Owen Holycross  
Grace King  
Caleb King  
Sarah King  
Gillian Knight  
Valerie Knight  
Svea Martini  
Paige Mefford  
Meadow McCullough  
Britny Sliker  
Carly Strayer  
Reed Strayer  
Emery Wagner  
Evie Wagner  
Lilly Wickline

***Thank you all!***



Orr's 1st Floor Rooms Winner  
1st Presbyterian Church of Bellefontaine



Adult Tree Winner  
Top of Ohio Patriots



Kids Tree Winner  
Ben Logan Kindergarten



# 2018

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### JANUARY

- 06 Building Committee Meeting 8:30 am
- 08 Piecemakers 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

### FEBRUARY

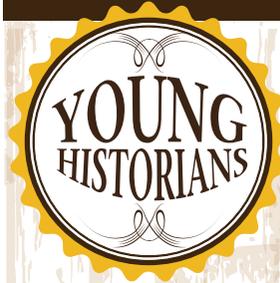
- 03 Building Committee Meeting 8:30 am
- 10 DAR Meeting 10:30 am Pres. Rm
- 12 Piecemakers Meeting 7:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 00 NO Society Meeting
- 27 Young Historians Meeting 6:00 pm Pres. Rm

### MARCH

- 03 Building Committee Meeting 8:30 am
- 08 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
- 19 Young Historians Meeting 6:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 28 Genealogy Board Meeting 6:00 pm Pres. Rm

### APRIL

- 07 Building Committee Meeting 8:30 am
- 09 Piecemakers Meeting 7:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 10 Athenian Club Meeting 7:00 pm Pres. Rm
- 14 DAR Meeting 10:30 am Pres. Rm
- 15 Salute to Logan County's Bicentennial 1:00 - 4:00 pm
- 21 & 22 Logan County Piecemakers Quilt Show
- 24 Young Historians Meeting 6:00 pm Pres. Rm



The Young Historians kicked off the 2017-2018 year on October 23<sup>rd</sup> with an introduction to this year's theme – Logan County's Bicentennial. The group went on a scavenger hunt throughout the History Center trying to find artifacts that were: 500 years or older, 200-300 years old, 150-199 years old, 100-149 years old, 50-99 years old and 49 years old or newer. The kids seemed to really enjoy the hunt. Perhaps the next time you visit the History Center you can do this scavenger hunt on your own!

At the November meeting the Young Historians made Logan County Bicentennial-themed ornaments for the group's Christmas tree in our Christmas open house. They made "snow globe" ornaments using photographs of Logan County landmarks. The group also made ornaments with pictures of famous Logan Countians. The December meeting was the Young Historians annual Christmas party.

The next Young Historians meeting will be on January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Presidents' Room of the Logan County History Center from 6:00 to 7:00. We will continue our look at the county's bicentennial.

Upcoming meetings will be on February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>. The Young Historians is open to 1<sup>st</sup> graders on up. If you have any questions please contact Todd at 593-7557 or email at [tmccormick@loganhistory.org](mailto:tmccormick@loganhistory.org).

## MEETING NOTICE

### No Historical Society Meeting in February

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 we've had to cancel our meetings, so several years ago we decided it was best to skip the February meetings. More information for future membership meetings will appear in the next *History Matters*.

## LCHS BOARD ELECTION

The Logan County Historical Society membership elected the 2018 Board of Trustees at the society membership meeting on December 6, 2017. Brian Baker (President), Brian Harmon (Vice-President), Bill McCormick (Treasurer) Nikki Smith (Assistant Treasurer), Karen Beasley (Recording Secretary) and Pat Ortli (Corresponding Secretary) were re-elected for their respective positions. The officers will serve 1-year terms.

Bonnie Hansen and Nadine Tussing were re-elected as trustees for the 2018-2020 term. Dan Bratka was elected to serve as the other 2018-2020 Trustee. Dan replaces Mary Mortimer.

We would like to thank Mary for her long-time service on the board as a trustee and as assistant treasurer. We appreciate the time and effort Mary has given to the Logan County Historical Society throughout her time on the board.



**September 12, 2017**

**December 8, 2017**

**Don & Susan Corwin**  
Hopewell Dairy home delivery milk box,  
Buckeye Portland Cement block

**Karen Kennedy**  
Early 20th century toiletries, Indian Lake Regatta playing cards

**Janet M. Elliott & Alan B. Aiken**  
Cloris Aiken (WWI "Donut Girl") diary and scrapbook, photographs

**Betty Hunt**  
Burlap potato sacks, funeral and memorial cards

**Miriam K. Hoy**  
Magazine article about the Roundhouse Engine explosion in 1942.  
Donor's father was injured in explosion and saved another worker.

**Joanne Strayer Dunkel**  
Photograph of workers at the Bellefontaine Bridge & Iron Works

**Mike Durnell**  
Prehistoric Indian stone artifacts and tools

**Dixie D. Jackson**  
19th century bowl and platter, binoculars, clay marbles,  
railroad police Billy club

**Nancy & Richard Harmon**  
1960 Bellefontaine High School Boys Basketball program

**Phyllis E. Given Mulligan & Cynthia Given**  
Military papers of Robert Richard Given, U.S. Army WWI Mess Kit

**Gene Marine**  
Bellefontaine High School Class of 1948 reunion articles, programs

**Shawndel Wilson**  
Draw Poker board game

**Jim & Peg Terhall**  
Late 19th to mid-20th century household items and toys/dolls

**Jim Oldiges**  
Broom Holder compliments W.J. Cobain & Co. Groceries,  
123 W. Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine

**Ray Stamm**  
Photographs of the Orr family, Orr Mansion

**Norma Draper**  
Quincy High School class photos, 1920s-30s

**Gary Copeland**  
Early 20th century shot gun  
belonging to Cloyd Nickell of Harper

**Linda Erdy**  
Old wooden clothes pin

**Ben McLaughlin**  
Van Horn Funeral Home fan, local business receipts,  
local newspapers

**RB Lame**  
Local business giveaways and ephemera

**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):**

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Adult Tours</b> docent              | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Halloween KidFest</b>                     | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Docent</b> Committee volunteer      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Student Tours</b> docent            | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Christmas decorating</b> of museum        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Photography</b> volunteer           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reg. Open Hours</b> tours docent    | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Christmas Open House</b> docent/volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fundraising</b> Committee volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Young Historians Club</b> assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Building</b> Committee volunteer          | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> , explain _____           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Open House</b> docent/volunteer     | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Programs</b> Committee volunteer          | _____   |



**NOTICE:**

You can pay your dues on our website at [www.loganhistorical.org](http://www.loganhistorical.org) using either PayPal or your credit card.

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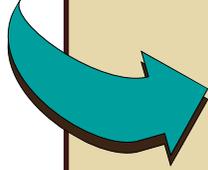
**NOTE:** Not sure if you are up to date on your dues? Check the number in the upper right hand corner of this newsletter's address label. If it says, **Life, Comp, or 18**, you are paid up for 2018!

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