THE LOGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER HISTORY MATTERS

Making Hystory Come Alive!

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SPECIAL PREVIEW! of restored WISSLER WA-6 BI-PLANE

For Members: Wednesday, January 11th, 6:00-8:00 pm For General Public: Sunday, January 15th, 1:00-4:00 pm

Several years ago the Logan County History Center acquired local aviation pioneer Clarence Wissler's WA-6 biplane. The plane was in many pieces, in part to the fact the biplane had crashed. The fuselage, or body, was the only part that remained from the original WA-6 biplane. We used a drawing by local aviation

historian, Ray Watkins, that showed the basic dimensions and construction of the airplane, as well as photos of it as a guide in our restoration and rebuilding. Since so many of the original parts were missing we used the drawing and photos as guides to reconstruct many parts of the biplane.

After many, many months of the restoration and hundreds and hundreds of volunteer hours, the WA-6 restoration is nearly complete.



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We are scheduled to hang the biplane in mid-January. **On Wednesday, January 11th from 6:00-8:00 pm we will have a special preview of the Wissler biplane for Logan County Historical Society members.** Members will be able to see the WA-6 on the ground before we hang it. This will be an opportunity to see this historic aircraft up close. You can even take pictures standing next to the plane. We will then host a special open house for the public on Sunday, January 15, 2017 from 1:00 to 4:00 in the Transportation Museum Atrium, so that they too can see the WA-6 up close and take their pictures next to the plane.

This project would never have been completed without the many people who donated their time and talents toward the restoration. We will have a complete list of these individuals and companies once the WA-6 is hung. However, we do want to point out a few people who have been the backbone of the project: **DWIGHT HANSEN** has headed up the restoration, recreated many of the pieces and was the primary

builder on the project. **BRIAN BAKER** fabricated much of the metal work on the plane, painted the airplane and worked on the rebuild. Brian is also overseeing the hanging of the plane. **RAY STAMM** recreated many of the wooden components on the plane, including the replica wood engine. We cannot thank Dwight, Brian and Ray enough for all of the work and time they have put into this project.





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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ORNER



We are very fortunate to have the complex that we have here at the Logan County History Center. The addition of the Transportation Museum has made the complex even better. We hear many positive comments from our visitors. Perhaps the most common remark visitor's say is they can't believe a community the size of Logan County has such a large and beautiful museum.

Of course a large facility like the Logan County History Center does require a lot of maintenance. We are blessed to have the 0.25 mill operating levy to cover most of our operating costs. However, there are a few projects that go beyond normal maintenance. This summer we will embark on one such project when we replace the tile roof on the Orr Mansion. Much of the tile on the roof is the original tile William Orr put on his new home 110 years ago. However, after more than a century the roof needs replaced. The roof has developed some small leaks, broken tiles have fallen to the ground and a few birds have made their way into the attic through small gaps in the roof and dormers.

We are estimating that the new roofing project will cost about \$160,000. This will include tearing off and disposing of the old tile, making necessary repairs and preparations for the new roof, some masonry work and of course installation of the new tile. One of the neatest things about the project is that the new tile will be the same style and color as the original tile, because the company that made the tiles for Mr. Orr back in 1906 is still in business today and will be making the new tiles for us. While this is a major cost, the new roof should last many, many decades. As stewards of the History Center we feel an obligation to replace the roof at this time.

The Logan County Historical Society's Fundraising Committee has made the roof project their primary goal this year. Many of you may have already received an appeal letter from the committee asking you to donate towards the roof project. If you have not received a letter you will receive one in the near future. We hope that you will contribute to this important project. Once completed it will help ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy stepping back in time as they visit William Orr's "dream home."

On behalf of the LCHS Board of Trustees and staff, I would like to thank all of our members and the Logan County community for their past support and hope your wonderful support will continue with the Orr Mansion Roof project.

DLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Sept. Winner: **Oct. Winner:** Nov. Winner:

Monthly \$20 Gift Certificate Drawing **Bruce Norris Judy Snyder** Pat Ortli

Wissler Bi-Plane SPECIAL PREVIEW announced.



Total

- 512 Brian Baker
- 456 Dwight Hansen
- 270 Elaine DeMarsh
- 200 Don Corwin
- 185 Bruce Norris
- 164 Judy Snyder
- 148 Rick Nelson
- 143 Jim DeLong
- 141 Charlie Patrick
- 124 Ray Stamm
- 89 Pat Ortli
- 89 Bill McCormick
- 82 Dick Ortli
- 82 Sally Stephan
- 78 Tim McPherson
- 68 Vert Molitor
- 67 Pat Allen
- 67 Jean Leininger

- 60 Terry Conley
- 58 Tam VanNess
- 55 Diana Wackerman
- 52 Jody Nolin
- 49 George Wackerman
- 48 Bonnie Hansen
- 48 Bob Mitchell
- 46 Jim VanNess
- 45 Bob Easterday
- 44 Karen Beasley
- 40 Ted Kneisley
- 39 Janet Blank
- 36 Breck McCracken
- 35 Louise Norris
- 32 Brian Harmon
- 32 Nancy Ledley
- 31 Dorothy Notestine
- 31 Bob Notestine
- 30 Dan Bratka
- 29 Keitha Dugan

28 Linda Phelps

The Logan County Historical Society cannot function without the support of our wonderful

Some of our volunteers work 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 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

Listed are all Center volunteers who completed our Volunteer Hours forms. If you are not listed,

27 Leon Snyder

be sure to fill one out next year so we can acknowledge your contribution!

23 Kay Ropp

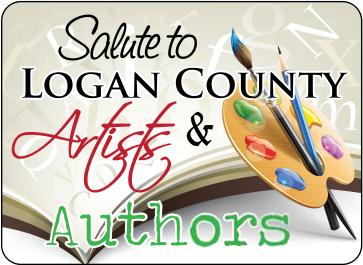
your interest is. We would love to include you in this list next year!

volunteers who worked more than 3500 hours in 2016!

- 22 Jeff Ashley
- 21 Dee Dee Rickets
- 21 Ron Ricketts
- 20 Pam Ark
- 20 Mary Mortimer
- 20 Nikki Smith
- 20 John Tucci
- 20 Kit Wehe
- 20 Mike Yoder
- 19 Ray Swisher
- 18 Marlyn Kelly
- 15 Marty Marine
- 14 Dawn Maloy
- 14 John Marshall
- 13 Amy McCormick
- 12 Pat Dorsev
- 12 Kim Kress

- 10 Sidney Dew
- 10 Ryan McCormick
- 10 Terri Schneider
- 10 Pat Swanson
- 9 Sherry Arnett
- 9 Robin Butler
- 9 Kathy Dixon
- 8 Ray McCormick
- 8 Mary Ann Patterson
- 7 Cindy Beach
- 7 Leanna George
- 6 Margie Bixler
- 6 Nancy Harmon
- 6 Pam Kelly
- 6 Russ Strayer
- 4 Bailey Beach
- 4 Jim King
- 3 Carole Wagner
- 3 David Saxby

COMING SOON!



OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH 1:00-4:00

The Logan County History Center will host a Salute to Logan County Artists & Authors open house on Sunday, April 30, 2016 from 1:00 to 4:00. The open house will feature exhibits throughout the museum on some of the artists and authors, like Warren Cushman and Allan W. Eckert, who have called Logan County home. Other exhibits will include art projects by several Benjamin Logan Fifth and Sixth Grade classes featuring landmarks in Logan County. Members of the Logan County Art League will also be putting on demonstrations of various art media. There may be a few author book signings as well. More information about the Salute to Logan County Artists & Authors will be in the Spring issue of the History Matters newsletter.

Hours Name









WISSLER WA-6 BI-PLANE restoration & hanging

The restoration of the Wissler WA-6 Biplane took several years and thousands of hours of volunteer work. The result will be something visitors to the Logan County History Center will long remember.

The Logan County History Center would like to thank all of the people, organizations and businesses that helped with the Wissler WA-6 Restoration. The names are not in any particular order. We apologize if we missed anyone.

Dwight Hansen Brian Baker Ray Stamm Streamline Design & Print Allen Tire Karen Beasley & Beasley Architecture & Design Main Metal Bakers Upholstery Easley Machine Jason Whitcraft Homer Dunlap Roger Deere Vital Signs

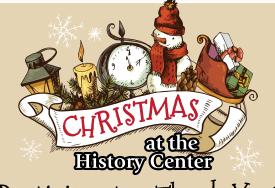
City of Bellefontaine Logan County Commissioners National Museum of the United States Air Force **EEA Museum** WACO Air Museum Randy Kemp Mark Kemp **Dick Geiger** John McPherson **Terry Conley** David Wagner **Kerry Buchenroth Bonnie Hansen** Paul Dearwester Toni McPherson LeVan Tire LeVan's Power Equipment Murrel Vanscoy **Dave Johnson Brims Imports** Herb Couchman James Beisner Matt Robinson











Participants · Thank You!!

Adult Trees

Logan County WIC Shawnee Springs Sr. Housing The Studio Logan County DAR Experience Works Logan County Genealogical Society Art League Holland Theatre BHS DECA WL Garden Club * Logan Acres Care Center Green Hills Citizens Federal S&L

Kids Trees

* Ben Logan Kindergarten Ben Logan 1st grades Ben Logan 2nd grades Ben Logan 3rd grades Ben Logan 4th grades Lo Co Art Club American Heritage Girls #1613 Young Historians Homestrings Dulcimers Club Ben Logan 4th Gr Art Club Logan County 4H Shooting Sports

Museum Rooms

Logan County Library Logan County Piecemakers *Logan County Genealogical Society Member of the Logan County DAR 1st United Presbyterian Church of Bellefontaine George & Diana Wackerman

Musical Entertainment

Bellefontaine High School Jazz Band Neighborhood Friends Bellefontaine High School LeFons Mad River Valley Dulcimer Society Larry Walker & Nick Pelfrey Harp Duet-Leanna George/ Elaine Newcomer

Popular Demand:

Home Strings Dulcimer Club

Director Leanna George & Ass't Director Judy Grattis Alexis Lambert Keira Lambert Sam Moreland Ollie Moreland Chase Schaub Griffin Schaub Ezra Davie Titus Davie Philip Davie Ava Cole Carson Shepherd Katelyn Cole Joel Bright Jadzia Café Rivvyn Café Xienna Café

<u>Paula Deardurff Piano</u> <u>Students</u>

Madelyn Trittschuh Graham Trittschuh Laney Mitchell **Blaine Mitchell** Nick Ricker Lincoln Howell Montana Coleman Utah Coleman Anthony Zamora Ally Barker Allison Moore Maria Stolly Mikayla Stepp Kelley Forsythe T.J. Forsythe Ava Graham Sam Moreland Ollie Moreland Jake Moreland Carolyn Dunn Anna Kratz Savannah Sheeley Shirley McPherson Students Carter Barnett Lottie Bodin

Winnie Bodin Sebastian Cook-Finnegan Allison Culp Matthew Culp Ryan Culp Julia Easton **Caroline Frieders** Deanna Fry Jamie Gill **Owen Holycross** Tommy Jones **Rachel Kimmel** Caleb King Grace King Ava Klingler Gillian Knight Samuel Knight

Nick Kurtz Svea Martini Meadow McCullough **Rylee McCully** Crew McPherson Grant McPherson Katie Meier **Callie Notestine** Marah Reames Nolan Rivers Alexis Robinson Joslyn Robinson **Riley Ross** Holly Seelev Luke Seeley Britny Sliker Carly Strayer Ella Wagner **Emery Wagner Evie Wagner Popular Demand**

History Center Decorators

Christmas & Building Committees Pat Allen Pam Ark Peggy Barlup Terry Conley Don Corwin Linda Cox Jim DeLong Elaine DeMarsh Dawn Maloy John Marshall **Ryan McCormick** Breck McCracken Jody Nolin. **Bruce Norris** Louise Norris Pat Ortli

Sally Stephan Pat Swanson Tam VanNess Jim VanNess Diana Wackerman George Wackerman Kit Wehe Beth Marshall Terry Conley John McPherson Todd McCormick Bonnie Hansen Dwight Hansen

Dick Ortli

Judy Snyder

Open House Workers

Those not included in Committee List **Bill McCormick Bob Notestine Dorothy Notestine** John Tucci Brian Harmon **Rick Nelson** Marv Mortimer Keitha Dugan Dan Bratka Jean Leininger Keitha Dugan Nancy Ledley Kay Ropp Janet Blank

Marty Marine Tim McPherson Karen Beasley Dan Bratka Nikki Smith

Cookie Donors

Pat Ortli **Charlene Baker** Joyce Zilles Diana & George Wackerman Bonnie Hansen **Ginger Beasley** Valerie Kauffman Susan Corwin Louise Norris Becky Pennington Judy Snyder Shawndel Wilson Karen Beasley Athenian Club Members **Dixie Finley** Janet Blank Peggy Dishop Dixie Finley Becky Pennington Joyce Core

* Denotes the category winners

If we inadvertently missed listing you, please let us know!





Logan County Genealogical Society tree



Logan Acres tree

2016-2017 Calendar of Events

JANUARY

	J			
07	Building Committee 8:30 a.r.			
11	Membership's Wissler A	irplane		
	Preview	6:00-8:00 p.m.		
12	Trustee Meeting	7:00 p.m.		
15	Public's Wissler Airplane	-		
	Preview	1:00-4:00 p.m.		
24	Young Historians Meeting	6:00 p.m.		
	FEBRUARY			
04	Building Committee Meeti	ing 8:30 a.m.		
00	NO Society Meeting	-		
27	Young Historians Meeting	6:00		
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04 Building Committee Meeting 09 Trustee Meeting 28 Young Historians Meeting APRIL 8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

Building Committee Meeting 8:30 a.m. Society Meeting 7:00 p.m. Young Historians Meeting 6:00 p.m. Salute to Logan County Arts Open House 1:00-4:00 p.m.



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 have had to cancel our meetings, so several years ago we decided it was best to skip February and meet again in April. More information for the April 19th membership meeting will appear in the next *History Matters*.



Now in its 15th year the Young Historians is going strong. In fact, this year's group has more people attending than any year before with an average of twenty or more kids at each

meeting. This year the Young Historians are studying Logan County artists and will be making their own art projects. After an introductory meeting in October, we stepped aside from the theme and made decorations for the Young Historians' tree for the Christmas at the History Center open house at the November meeting and then held our Christmas party at the December meeting.

Over the winter months we will start working on our main projects. One project will be making a coloring book of the Logan County History Center. We will also be making a mobile of representations of the Young Historians' favorite museum artifacts made out of clay or other art media.

The Young Historians is open to first graders on up. The next meeting will be on January 24th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will then meet on February 27th and March 28th.

LCHS BOARD ELECTION

The Logan County Historical Society membership elected the 2017 Board of Trustees at the society membership meeting on December 7, 2016. Brian Baker (President), Brian Harmon (Vice-President), Nikki Smith (Assistant Treasurer) and Karen Beasley (Recording Secretary) were elected to serve in new positions on the board. Bill McCormick (Treasurer) and Pat Ortli (Corresponding Secretary) were re-elected for their respective positions. Dan Bratka will serve as (Immediate Past-President). The officers will serve 1-year terms.

Curt Peterson, Robin Butler and Doug Chamberlain were elected as trustees for the 2017-2019 term. Mary Mortimer was elected to serve the final year of Mike Yoder's term as trustee (2015-2017), Bonnie Hansen was elected to fill Karen Beasley's term (2015-2017) and Bob Notestine was elected to serve the final two years of Brian Harmon's term (2016-2018).

We would like to thank Nancy Harmon, John Tucci and Mike Yoder for their service as trustees on the board, as well as thanking Dan Bratka for his three years of serving as president. We appreciate the time and effort they gave to the Logan County Historical Society throughout their time on the board. The Society will continue to benefit by having Dan on the board as Immediate Past-President in 2017.



December 6, 2016

Don & Susan Corwin Railroad Spike from Marl City, spittoon, Nixon political button

Ralph & Ann Wood Hand-painted lamp that has been in Ralph's family for several generations, Bellefontaine National Bank items

Bruce & Louise Norris Jerry Norris's 1935 BHS Diploma and other Class of 1935 items, local newspapers, keychains from local businesses and other business ephemera

> Robin Zupp Hesson book The Fly Fisher's Guide to the Mad River

Beth & John Marshall Farmers' Bulletin(s) from U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, section of fence from the Farmers' Fence Co. of Bellefontaine

Mark & Jeff Vernon Allinger Mill sacks and photographs

John & Beula Garvin Funeral home ledgers and store ledger

> Shawndel Wilson Games, children's clothes

Carroll J. Hoge WWII US Navy hat & scarf/neckerchief of Harold Leroy Landis

> Jason Rostorfer Railroad manuals and catalogs

Bob & Janice Quay – late 19th/early 20th century drill press, household items, games & toys, newspapers

Gordon Shellaberger - Wire Recorder

Dava Royer in Memory of Jean Royer – BHS Class of 1948 composite, BHS HI-LIFE school newspapers

Chuck Harman Photograph of the 1929 Logan County Grange Annual Picnic

Glendora R. Allen Rushsylvania School Alumni programs

> Delores Duff 1918 Washington Twp School photograph of students

> > Peg Hill - Hobbyhorse

Lowell Brose East Liberty Fire Chief Charles Dunaway's notebook, letters, instruction booklets Noreta Forsythe - Clown swing toy

Betty Hennessy - Tudor Electric sign

Edwin E. Merritt 1827 document verifying election of John Harrod as Logan County Commissioner

Dwight Hansen magazine article by Ray Watkins of Bellefontaine about Bellefontaine aviation pioneer Clarence Wissler's airplanes

Catherine Vance NYCS lantern, CONRAIL flashlight & ID card of G.F. Vance Jr., interior photo of Holy Trinity Church

Mark & Jill Butler – Menu from the San Juan Resort (Indian Lake) autographed by Guy Lombardo and "His Royal Canadians" band members

> Lynda Everman Angels of Ohio Jr. Drum & Bugle Corps scrapbook

Patricia Griggs Books histories of the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s

Thomas Cooper 1947 Calendar compliments Moore's Bakery, Bellefontaine Rich Misplon A & P toothbrush, Eichholtz Funeral Home smelling salt container

Charlotte Wade 1940 BHS Junior Class Play program, script & photograph

K. Dale & Janice M. King Desk chair belonging to Logan County Bank Executive VP, Charlie Welsh

Donna Amann 1908 Postcard of the Sportsmen Rest. at Russells Point

Ann Cook – Wooden cigar press/mold

Susan Lahman U.S. Marine Corps uniforms of Arthur Lee Shepard (Korean War veteran)

Vicki Singer 1931 Logannaire booklet, papers of Perry Stokes, Sun N' Sand Beach swimming class membership cards

Robert E. Maier - Hopewell Dairy tokens

LOGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES YOU!

City_____State _____Zip _____

Christmas decorating of museum

Building Committee volunteer

Gift Shop Committee volunteer

Programs Committee volunteer

Newsletter Committee volunteer

Docent Committee volunteer

Christmas Open House docent/volunteer

Email

ALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST!		
NEW MEMBER	RENEWAL	
Name		

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

Address _____

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

Photography volunteer

Other, explain

Fundraising Committee volunteer



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on our website at www.loganhistory.org using either PayPal or your credit card.

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Halloween	KidFest
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Fair Booth

Adult Tours docent

Student Tours docent

Reg. Open Hours tours docent

Young Historians Club assistant

Open House docent/volunteer

Phone

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BETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

