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Logan County History Center's Salute to Logan County's Bicentennial Sunday, April 15, 2018

The Logan County History Center will celebrate Logan County's 200th Anniversary with a special open house on Sunday, April 15th from 1:00 to 4:00. The open house will feature the new exhibit 200 Artifacts & 200 Photographs of Logan County History. While all the History Center's exhibits detail Logan County's interesting history, we will highlight 200 artifacts throughout the museum as well as in the main exhibit case. The museum walls will be covered with photographs from our great Photo Archives collection for visitors to enjoy. In addition, Logan County's early history will come to life as members of the Logan Hills Festival will portray several of the county's American Indian inhabitants and early settlers.

We hope to see you on April 15th. Bring your family and friends as we celebrate Logan County's rich and interesting history! Cookies and punch will be served.

This event is free and open to the public.

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**

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President's Message

Hello, I hope everyone has survived this rough and enduring winter! But what a big year this will be for Logan County. This year we celebrate our Bicentennial, 200 years since our county was formed. What would our namesake, Benjamin Logan think of all that has transpired in that period of time? The roller coaster of history...

Brian Baker

There are so many people that have contributed to our history from Blue Jacket (that Benjamin Logan scuffled with) to George Bartholomew (the original Mr. Concrete). The great Mills Brothers called Logan

County home for many years as they traveled throughout the country and world performing their many top hits. While Indian Lake was the site of many of the greatest names of the Big Band era and they played summer after summer at the Minnewawa and other Indian Lake dance pavilions. Others include Allan Eckert who wrote of the area and The Frontiersmen, & Louis Vito (Olympic Snowboarder & aspiring Dancer) who shined the light on fun activities available in Logan County.

Also, so many notable places, Wapatomica, where the Shawnee tribes gathered (our area is a hot bed of Native American activity, just ask Todd McCormick about it sometime), we are the Highest Point in Ohio and many people come to our area just to experience that each year, the Ohio Caverns that take people quite a distance the other way, underground, to explore the area under the surface. Check out the back story of the beginnings of this wonder and what had to be done to prepare it so visitors could tour this beautiful place! How about the Holland Theatre that has been entertaining Logan County residents since 1931 and thru the efforts of many hard working people is being turned around to a wonderful, functional historic theatre that is bringing excellent acts to Bellefontaine and supporting local theatre. The WW2 Canteen that was operated by volunteers to provide meals to our Soldiers as they passed thru Bellefontaine and surely left a lasting impression on so many. Indian Lake, that has been a Great place to get away to for so many years and continues to draw vacationers from all over to enjoy & recently in the spotlight on HGTV as an area with so many attributes to relocate to!

So this summer take the time to explore the History of Logan County and Celebrate! Some of the activities planned are a special History Edition of the Examiner on 3/1 (which, if you missed it you can pick one up at the Examiner office). March 17 was the Bicentennial Kick-Off at the Holland theatre. Our History Center will have a Salute to Logan County History open house on April 15th, featuring 200 artifacts and photos of Logan County, make sure you come and check it out... bring your family, friends & neighbors!

The Logan Hills Festival which will feature the travelling LCHC exhibit will be a great event, please contact Toni McPherson to volunteer as we can use some help to man the tent/table.

Also the Memorial Day Parade on 5/26 will be a great event this year celebrating 200 years! Many activities are still being formalized as we are putting this issue together, so keep your ears open.

And as I mentioned earlier about the efforts of many restoring the Holland, there are so many that are working very hard every day to improve our downtown, our community, our county, our industries/businesses and history is made every day & these individuals working for a common goal are making for great history!

Also be sure to come in and check out our new "Resident" in the Transportation Museum, hopefully he will be a BIG hit. We will be searching for a name for him, so I think we will ask for some help from our school groups that tour the museum this next school year, so start pondering...

In closing, we have in recent years added so much to our museum and are bringing more people in to enjoy it. Along with this is the need for volunteers to help with tours and greeting visitors as they come into the museum (Docents), help on committees for upkeep of the facilities, painting, planting flowers, fresh ideas for activities, etc. So come in and get involved and bring others with you!

See you at the History Center! Brian

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Monthly \$20 Gift Certificate Drawing December 2017 Winner: Pat Ortli

January 2018 Winner: **Jim DeLong**

February 2018 Winner:

Tim McPherson

Salute to Logan County's Bicentennial

DOCENT TRAINING SESSIONS

School Group Docent Training- April 17th at 10:00 a.m. "Scavenger Hunt" Docent Training- April 25th at 6:30 p.m.

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 have our SCHOOL GROUP DOCENT TRAINING SESSION ON TUESDAY, APRIL 17TH AT 10:00 A.M. We need your help so please consider being a school group tour guide.

We will also be having our "REGULAR" DOCENT TRAINING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25TH AT 6:30 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.

This year we are going to do something a little different. After going over the "nuts & bolts" of how to be a good docent, we will 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. It should be lots of fun and even educational!

Please RSVP to either or both docent trainings by calling the office at 593-7557 or email me at tmccormick@loganhistory.org. We need more docents so please bring family and friends who you think would enjoy helping us out as a docent!



Important Dates In

1760s-1770s – Shawnee, Wyandots and other tribes begin building villages in present-day Logan County. There were more than a dozen Indian villages, including Blue Jacket's Town (Bellefontaine), Moluntha's Town (West Liberty), Tarhe's Town (Zanesfield) and Wapatomica (capital of Shawnee nation).

1778 – Simon Kenton captured by the Shawnees and brought to the Shawnee capital of Wapatomica to be executed. Along the way Kenton was forced to run nine gauntlets, including several in the Indian villages in Logan County. Kenton was eventually sold to the British and then escaped from Detroit and returned to Kentucky.

1780 – Isaac Zane marries Princess Myeerah and makes home in Zane's Town (Zanesfield).

1786 – Benjamin Logan leads Kentucky mounted militia to attack & burn many of the Indian villages in Logan County during which the Shawnee chief, Moluntha, is murdered in his village near West Liberty.

1795 – Treaty of Greenville signed giving the U.S. 2/3 of Ohio. The treaty line runs through present-day Logan County. Blue Jacket and Tarhe are among the Indians who signed the treaty.

The county is named for Benjamin Logan.

The county seat of logan County is Bellefontaine.

1801 – Job and Phebe Sharp move to Zane Township in Logan County. Phebe was a doctor who rode her horse all over the area giving medical attention to those in need. The next ten years saw more and more settlers come to Logan County.

1806 – Simon Kenton & James McPherson discover Tecumseh's secret council at Stony Creek near present-day DeGraff.

1812 – War of 1812. The Manary Blockhouse and other blockhouses built in Logan County to protect settlers in case of Indian attack.

1817 – Treaty forces Ohio Indians onto reservations including the Lewistown Reservation in Logan County.

1818 – Logan County formed.

1831 – Indian Removal Act forces Ohio Indians onto reservations in Kansas & Oklahoma.

1836 – Simon Kenton dies at the age of 81.

1847 – The Mad River & Lake Erie Railroad Company completed the first railroad in Bellefontaine.

1830s-1850s – The Underground Railroad had several stations in the county. Henry Pickrell built a house with four secret hiding places on County Road 28, while Isaac Patterson operated a station in a cave near Northwood. James Torrence and Joseph Aiken, both of Northwood, and many others aided runaway slaves.

1850 — First Logan County Fair held.

1851–1857 — The Lewistown Reservoir (now Indian Lake) was built to feed or to supply water to the Miami-Erie Canal.

1864 – Abram S. Piatt begins building Castle Mac-A-Cheek just east of West Liberty. His brother, Donn, starts the stonework for Castle Mac-O-Chee in 1879.

1870 – The current Logan County Courthouse was completed.

1871 – The Bellefontaine Examiner newspaper first published by the Hubbard family.

1890s – The Big Four Railroad made Bellefontaine a main terminal and a major service and repair center. By 1904, one in four people employed in Logan County worked for the railroad with an equal number working for businesses that served the railroad and its crews.

1891 – George Bartholomew, of the Portland Cement Co., paved a test section of Main Street in Bellefontaine, and later paved the other streets around the courthouse, including Court Avenue, which remains the oldest concrete street in America.

1898 – Indian Lake was established as a state park; it soon became a popular vacation spot.

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1907 – The Bellefontaine Automobile Co. produces the Traveler automobile.

1913 – Zanesfield hosts its first Homecoming Pageant. The Great Flood of 1913 causes much damage in Logan County, including sweeping a train off a bridge in West Liberty.

1919 – Mary Rutan Hospital opens.

1924 – S.L. and French Wilgus open the Sandy Beach Amusement Park at Indian Lake.

1920s – Mills Brothers and family move to Bellefontaine.

1925 – Ohio Caverns opens to the public.

1930s–1950s – Heyday of Indian Lake as "Ohio's Million Dollar Playground." The amusement and dance pavilions brought in thousands of visitors in the summers, while many of the greatest names of the Big Band era played concerts at the lake.

1931 — Holland Theatre opens. The theatre is the only Dutch architecturally themed theatre in the United States.

1937 – Last interurban passenger train comes through Logan County.

1942–1946 – Women's Big Four Veteran's Auxiliary operates Canteen serving over 700,000 soldiers passing through Logan County during World War II.

1942 — Engine explosion kills three workers at the Big Four/New York Central Roundhouse in Bellefontaine. A fire damaged the roundhouse a year later as well.

1946 – Fire sweeps through the Big Four depot in Bellefontaine.

1951 — The U.S. Air Force opens the 664th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron on Campbell Hill (Ohio's highest point). The base closed in 1969 and is now the site of the Ohio Hi-Point Career Center.

1956 – A.J. Miller Co., a leading manufacturer of hearses and ambulances, merges with the Meteor Company in Piqua, Ohio. In 1960, the operation closes its doors in Bellefontaine when all production is done at the Piqua plant.

1962 – Valley Hi Ski Resort (later Mad River Mountain Ski Resort) opens.

1960s - Fourth of July riots at Indian Lake.

1969 – Logan County schools' consolidation process completed (except Belle Center which does not join Benjamin Logan Local Schools until 1972)

1970 – DeGraff native Roger Cloud loses Ohio gubernatorial election.

1971 – Last New York Central passenger train passes through Bellefontaine.

1974 — Newly built Transportation Research Center in East Liberty is dedicated.

1978 — Blizzard immobilizes Logan County.

1979 — Honda of America opens motorcycle plant west of Marysville in Union County and within a couple of years opens an automobile plant.

1980 – Bellefontaine Roundhouse closes.

1981 – Indian Lake Amusement Park razed.

1985 — The International Friendship Center of Logan County established to assist foreign families residing in the county, especially Japanese families who came to the area through Honda.

1989 – Production begins at Honda of America plant in East Liberty in Logan County.

1995 – Gail Hamilton becomes the first African-American elected mayor in Bellefontaine. Mr. Hamilton is a nephew of the famed singing group the Mills Brothers.

Campbell Hill is the highest natural point in Ohio.

History in the making ...

2001 – Logan County directly affected by terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon, with the death of Alicia Titus, a flight attendant on Flight 175, which was the second plane to crash into the WTC Towers. Titus had family in Logan County. Bellefontaine native Lt. Col. Ted Anderson was at the Pentagon when it was attacked and attempted to save several of his co-workers.

2005 – A major ice storm hits Logan County causing significant damage to hundreds of trees and leaving many people without power for nearly a week. The ice storm came just a few weeks after a snowstorm left nearly 20 inches of snow on the ground.

2012 – A Derecho causes significant damage to the Logan County Courthouse. The Courthouse will be closed for six years as it goes under a thorough restoration.

2015 – Honda of America's auto plant in East Liberty produces its 5 millionth automobile, a 2016 Acura RDX.

2016 – TRC-Honda- Route 33 corridor takes lead in driverless technology.

2016 – Concrete Conglomerate celebrates 125th Anniversary of Bartholomew's concrete with following year work by city to recreate test section on Main St. to exact specifications & concrete formula.

2018 – Logan County celebrates its Bicentennial!

2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	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			
16	Kings Daughters & Sons Mtg.	6:30 pm AcuSport Rm			
17	School Kids Docent Training	10:00 am			
00	NO Society Meeting				
21	Piecemakers Quilt Show	10:00 am - 5:00 pm			
22	Piecemakers Quilt Show	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm			
24	Young Historians Meeting	6:00 pm Pres. Rm			
25	Docent Training	6:30 pm			
	MAY				
01 8	& 03 Bellefontaine 3rd Grade Bus Tou	ır 9:00 am			
05	Building Committee Meeting	8:30 am			
08	Ben Logan 3rd Grade Bus Tour	8:50 am			
08	8	7:00 pm Pres. Rm			
09	Ben Logan 3rd Grade Bus Tour	8:50 am			
10	Trustee Meeting	7:00 pm			
10 8	*11 Bellefontaine 3rd Grade				
	LCHC & Holland Tour	9:30 am			
12	DAR Meeting	10:30 am Pres. Rm			
14	0	7:00 pm Pres. Rm			
21	Young Historians Meeting	6:00 pm Pres. Rm			
24	Genealogy Board Meeting	6:00 pm Pres. Rm			
JUNE					
02	Building Committee Meeting	8:30 am			

09 DAR Meeting

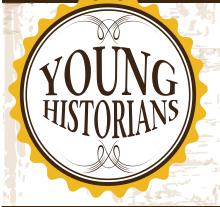
11 Piecemakers Meeting

20 Society Meeting

JULY

- **07** Building Committee Meeting
- **09** Piecemakers Meeting
- 12 Trustee Meeting

25 Genealogy Board Meeting



8:30 am 10:30 am Pres. Rm 7:00 pm Pres. Rm 7:00 pm

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MEETING NOTICE NO APRIL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We will not have an April Historical Society Membership meeting. Instead we hope you will attend the Salute to Logan County's Bicentennial Open House at the Logan County History Center on Sunday, April 15th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Logan County Bicentennial Gun Raffle Tickets: \$10.00 each OR 3 Tickets for \$25.00

3 Prizes: Henry Standard 22 Rifle listed at \$699 Henry Golden Boy 22 Rifle listed at \$875

Henry Big Boy Rifle listed at \$1495

Tickets available at the Logan County History Center office Monday-Friday from 8:00-5:00 only - no weekend sales OR by emailing Jeremy Smith at jardenross@gmail.com or Mychal Cox at wizards23_861@hotmail.com See loganhistory.org for more information

Historical Society Membership Meeting June 20th, 2018 7:00pm

Ray Quay of Sergeant's Gunsmithing in Huntsville will be the speaker at the June Historical Society Membership Meeting. Ray will talk about the history of gunsmithing in Logan County, as he leads us throughout the museum and Orr Mansion, showing and describing the locally made guns in the museum's collection. Ray has beautifully restored many of our guns in the museum and has done extensive research on local gunsmiths like Meshack Moxley, J.M. Garner and S.W. Hornback. It should be an enjoyable evening.

Jeremy Smith will be here with the Bicentennial Gun Raffle rifles for everyone to see and will have raffle tickets available to purchase at this time.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 20th at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the Presidents' Room then start the tour.

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

The Young Historians continued our study and celebration of Logan County's Bicentennial. The January meeting saw the kids design their own Logan County Bicentennial flag. At the February meeting the Young Historians each wrote an acrostic poem about why they love their home county by using the letters in LOGAN COUNTY. In March each Young Historian penned a letter to future generations telling them what he or she will do in their lives to become so renowned and influential that he or she will end up in the Museum's Famous Logan Countian exhibit someday.

The next Young Historians meeting will be on April 24th 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. We will end our 2017-2018 Young Historians' year with an ice cream sundae party on May 21st from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Presidents' Room.

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

December 8, 2017

Chris Suman C.C.C. & St. L. Railroad lantern

Tracy McPherson Pulpit from the Gretna Brethren Church

> Barbara Montgomery Walter Alston baseball cards

Don & Susan Corwin Rushsylvania High School programs

Citizens Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. Pen & Ink prints of various local buildings

Larry Lance 1st Veterans Card issued in Logan County

Yvonne F. Smith Property deeds from Bloomfield Township, tax records, WWII Map

Dan & Myra Gilbert Local businesses' giveaways and ephemera, Military/Veterans' organization Medals and other items



Don, Carolyn & Christy Graves Adding machine used by Belle and Chester Williams in their Pickrelltown General Store

Robert M. Blue book The Dark Side of Nowhere by Dorotha Strayer Kauffman of Bellefontaine

> Judy Snyder Men's clothing

Bob Notestine U.S. Air Force uniform, scanned photo of John Inskeep

> Bundy Baking Solutions Clydesdale statue

Estate Lynn Ake 8 MM movie camera, transistor radio, women's bathing suit, Pen & Ink drawing of Castle Mac-O-Chee by Mike Major

Alan B. Aiken & Janet M. Elliott Cloris Aiken's (WWI Doughnut Lady) diaries, scrapbooks, photos, etc.

March 16, 2018

Jim & Pat Sebring Bottle from C.L. Robb Mfg. Co. in Bellefontaine

Robert Maier Glass block from the old Hopewell Dairy building

> Marilyn Molton Old holiday greeting cards, postcards, Girls Scout uniform

John Perkins Coverlet woven by William Buechel for the Dickinson family, 1847

Mark, Nyla, Jeff & Linda Vernon Grade books of Quincy teacher Catherine (Curl) Allinger, Curl family deeds (scanned copies)

G. Bruce & Louise Norris Various Logan County postcards, magazine article on Kin Hubbard

> Sue Walls DeGraff area newspapers

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Senior & Student - \$15

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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.

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