

HISTORY MATTERS

Summer Issue 2021

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LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER'S
OPEN HOUSE
Salute to
LOGAN COUNTY FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS AND BELLEFONTAINE'S BICENTENNIAL

**SATURDAY
 AUGUST 28TH, 2021**

1:00-5:00 P.M.

The Logan County History Center is excited to host our first open house in twenty months with our Salute to Logan County Fraternal Organizations and Bellefontaine's Bicentennial! This open house was scheduled for April 2020, but we had to cancel it due to the COVID-19 Pandemic shutdown. Even though Bellefontaine is now 201 years old we still feel like both themes of the open house need to be saluted for their importance to our county's history.

The History Center will feature an exhibit dedicated to the history of fraternal orders (and other similar organizations) in Logan County's history and present. The exhibit showcases some of History Center's fascinating uniforms, artifacts, and archives from several of these organizations, as well as numerous artifacts on loan from local fraternal orders and individuals.

The History Center will also be celebrating Bellefontaine's bicentennial – plus a year! The exhibits include artifacts, photographs and archival materials illustrating Bellefontaine's rich history. As we have done with the bicentennial celebrations of West Liberty (2017), Logan County (2018) and Zanesfield (2019), the museum will have multiple exhibits on Bellefontaine's history throughout the History Center.



The exhibits and open house will be in conjunction with the city's bicentennial celebration on the evening of August 28th. It will be a downtown "block party". There will be a variety of live local musical groups and a disc jockey with a Laser Light Show to finish the evening. The Bellefontaine High School Band will play as well. The event will include a display of vintage automobiles and characters (in costume) representing individuals who helped shape our community over the last 200 years. More information will be coming as the event nears.



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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.

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CURATOR'S CORNER



Todd McCormick

YOUNG HISTORIANS 2021-2022



The Young Historians Club is starting its 19th year of fun and learning about history after taking a forced year and half off due to the pandemic. This year's theme will be Games of the Past. We will learn about the history of games from ancient times to the present, including American Indian games, One-Room School recess games, parlor games and much, much more. We will have lots of hands-on fun as we play many of these games.

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 History Center. The following is the tentative 2021-2022 schedule for the Young Historians. The dates and topics may change. Our first meeting will be on September 28th. We will have monthly meetings through April and we will continue to meet in the Presidents' Room of the Logan County History Center, 521 E. Columbus Ave. Bellefontaine, Ohio.

- September 28th (Tue.) 6:00-7:00
– Introduction to Games of the Past/American Indian Games
- October 25th (Mon.) 6:00-7:00
– Ancient Board Games
- November 16th (Tue.) 6:00-7:00
– Christmas Tree Decorations
Note: this is the third Tuesday due to the Thanksgiving Holidays.
- December 13th (Mon.) 6:00-7:00
– Christmas Party
Note: this is the second Monday due to the Christmas Holidays.
- January 25th (Tue.) 6:00-7:00
– Early Settler/One-Room School Recess Games
- February 28th (Mon.) 6:00-7:00
– Parlor Games
- March 22nd (Tue.) 6:00-7:00
– Classic Board Games
- April 25th (Mon.) 6:00-7:00
– End of School Year Party

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 (937) 593-7557 or email at tmccormick@loganhistory.org.

See you soon!
Sincerely,

Todd

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



Monthly \$20 Gift Certificate Drawing

March 2021 Winner: Bob Easterday

April 2021 Winner: Bob Mitchell

May 2021 Winner: Louise Norris

2021



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

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| 04 Independence Day | CLOSED for Holiday |
| 10 DAR Meeting | 10:30 a.m. Pres Rm |
| 11-17 Logan Co Fair Booth | 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Merchants Bldg |
| 15 Board of Trustee Meeting | 7:00 p.m. AcuSport Rm |
| 28 Genealogy Board Meeting | 6:00 p.m. Pres Rm |

AUGUST

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| 09 Piecemakers | 7:00 p.m. Pres Rm |
| 14 DAR Meeting | 10:30 a.m. Pres Rm |
| 18 Society Meeting-Zanesfield | 7:00 p.m.
Sloan Library & Zane Cabin |
| 28 Open House | 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
History Center |

SEPTEMBER

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 06 Labor Day | CLOSED for Holiday |
| 09 Board of Trustee Meeting | 7:00 p.m. AcuSport Rm |
| 11 DAR Meeting | 10:30 a.m. Pres Rm |
| 13 Piecemakers Meeting | 7:00 p.m. Pres Rm |
| 14 Athenian Club Meeting | 7:00 p.m. Pres Rm |
| 22 Genealogical Society Board Meeting | 6:00 p.m. Pres Rm |
| 28 Young Historians Meeting | 6:00 p.m. Pres Rm |

OCTOBER

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| 09 DAR Meeting | 10:30 a.m. Pres Rm |
| 11 Piecemakers Meeting | 7:00 p.m. Pres Rm |
| 12 Athenian Club Meeting | 7:00 p.m. Pres Rm |
| 23 Halloween KidFest | 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
History Center |
| 25 Young Historians Meeting | 6:00 p.m. Pres Rm |

A Return to Normal

After fourteen months or so, the Logan County History Center is getting back to a more normal schedule of meetings, programs, and events. The staff has been fully vaccinated as have most of our volunteers. Over the last few weeks, we had our first large group tour when we welcomed the Eagle Creek Historical Organization followed by the Bellefontaine Police Department's Citizens Police Academy Graduation dinner in the Atrium, and outside organizations and businesses are once again using our meeting rooms. We will kick off our own public programs/meetings when we visit Zanesfield's Ebenezer Zane Cabin and the Dr. Earl Sloan Library on August 18th. Soon after we will host our *Salute to Logan County Fraternal Organizations/Bellefontaine Bicentennial Open House* on August 28th and before we know it, it will be time once again to have our Halloween KidFest and then our Christmas open house.

We will still abide by state health mandates and ask our volunteers and visitors not to come to the History Center, or any of our programs or special events, if they feel under the weather or have any COVID-19 symptoms. Staff, volunteers, or visitors who feel safer continuing to wear masks while at the LCHC should feel free to do so.

We hope to see you at the Logan County History Center soon!

MEETING NOTICE

Logan County Historical Society Meeting

August 18, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Our August Historical Society meeting will be held in Zanesfield. We will meet at the Dr. Sloan Library in Zanesfield at 7:00 p.m. Polly Bargar, librarian at the Dr. Sloan Library, will provide a tour of the library and enlighten us on its 107-year-old history. The library has been in continuous service since its inception, and is located in the heart of Zanesfield at 2817 Sandusky St.

After the Dr. Sloan Library tour, we will take a short walk to the Helen Wonders Blue Park where the Ebenezer Zane Cabin is located. Mary Mortimer, author of *Reflections of Zanesfield, An Historical Scrapbook*, will show us the interior of the Zane Cabin and talk about the Zane family and the early history of Zanesfield. The Zane Cabin was home to one of Zanesfield's founders, Ebenezer Zane and his family. Built ca 1805, the cabin was fully restored and rededicated in September 1997.

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.

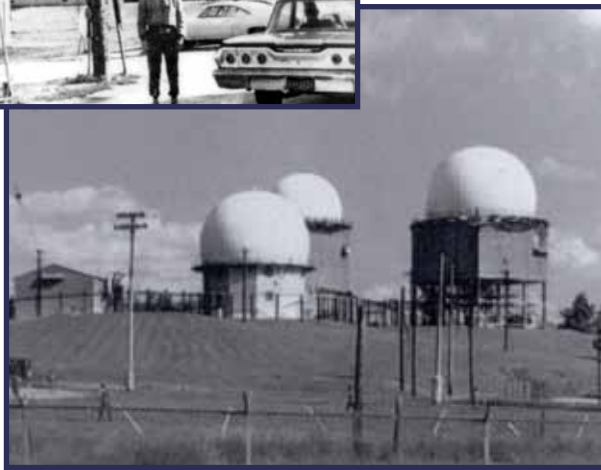


Welcome Center 664th AC&W Squadron Museum



Atop the highest point of Ohio, and amidst the rolling hills of State Route 540 lay a precious gem. A long-forgotten place to some, yet a cherished place to others. In 1951, the United States Air Force built a radar station on the current site of The Ohio Hi-Point Career Center. The station was manned as an active radar site from 1951 until it closed in 1969. Steps were taken by a select few to preserve some of the airbase items during the construction of the campus.

Later, as the career center became established, and years passed since the airbase closed, there was interest by some local airmen still present in the area to plan and host the first reunion of the 664th A.C.&W. (Aircraft Control & Warning) Squadron. It was at this first reunion, and reunions since, that a way was determined to preserve the legacy and history of what this strategic base was all about; including the men who served and sacrificed to protect our country. Donations of memorabilia and artifacts were sought from former service men. Consequently, throughout the years, priceless articles and records pertaining to the operation of this strategic site were donated to the 664th A.C.&W. reunion committee.



Prior superintendents and Hi-Point boards of education were also interested in maintaining our predecessors' legacy and history of the property. In January of 2020, the Welcome Center was established. The powers that be at the Hi-Point Career Center agreed to donate one of the former base housing units for what is now the Welcome Center. Such an exciting time! Through social media and other channels, the 664th has been able to stay in touch with many former airmen to let them know of the Welcome Center's progress, and the priceless collection of artifacts that so many have donated and continue to donate to this day.

Today, many visitors tour the Welcome Center, including former airmen and their families, reunion attendees, and students. Each year, Hi-Point social studies students tour the Welcome Center for Veteran's Day. They interact with former airmen who were stationed here or similar A.C.&W. sites. They not only get an explanation of the exhibits by those who were stationed here, but also have the privilege to hear some great stories that the former airmen love to share.

The 664th A.C.&W Reunion Committee members, officers, and volunteers assist in managing the Welcome Center. Besides holding biannual reunions, preserving the history of the former 664th Air Base, and managing the Welcome Center, the 664th Reunion Committee also donates a thousand-dollar annual scholarship to a graduating Ohio Hi-Point senior to help continue their education.

In addition to the Welcome Center, efforts are in place to restore one of the original FPS 26 radar towers. Ohio Hi-Point, the 664th and the National Air Defense Radar Museum (NADRM) are proud to display a rotating radar sail that rests atop the high point next to the former radar tower. In remembrance to not only the airmen that served here at the 664th, but at any A.C.&W site, the Welcome Center (664th) in conjunction with NADRM have established several brick memorial paver areas atop the highest point, near the tower and radar sail, honoring those servicemen. The memorial bricks are continually added to as more people have become aware of our efforts. All of these efforts and physical displays are to honor and remember those who once occupied this site and watched the skies to keep us safe during the cold war era.

The Welcome Center – 664th Museum is open by reservation only. To schedule a visit call 937-539-1567 or 937-592-2306.

*Submitted by Robert Walker
Chairman of the 664th Reunion Committee*

A special Thank You to Robert Walker and Dr. Rick

Ohio Hi-Point Career Center

It is an honor for Ohio Hi-Point Career Center (OHP) to be established at the home of the former 664th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron. OHP strives to honor the historical history of the ground we occupy. The reveille is played each morning for our students, followed by saying the pledge of allegiance to our nation's flag.

The airmen worked hard with their hands using the newest technology of the day here on this former airbase to keep American strong. We do the same thing today, training the next generation of skilled workers with the latest technologies to build a stronger future America.

Everyone who visits Campbell Hill can see the names of the airmen who served this nation while stationed here on a patio installed by Ohio Hi-Point Career Center students. The high school's "664th Cafeteria" serves hundreds of students every day during the school year. Each year on Veterans Day, our students honor our nation's veterans in many ways, including making beautiful wooden flags for veterans in our Construction Trades program for the last few years.

It has been a pleasure to host the 664th reunions here each summer. As we move forward in our renovations and additions, we are looking for new ways to pay respect for the home we sit upon so the history of this site remains a community treasure.

*Submitted by Rick Smith, ED.D.
Superintendent at the Ohio Hi-Point Career Center*



Rick Smith for their submissions to our newsletter.



February 27, 2021

May 24, 2021

Beth & John Marshall
Men's shirts

Don & Susan Corwin
Political buttons

Mac McGinnis
Booklet "The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) Scrapbook 1989" and newspaper articles about GOBA coming through Logan County

Robert Tremains
Reproduction Tombstone Radio

Larry Lewis
BHS "Hi-Life" school newspapers 1950s-1960s

Bellefontaine Fire Dept.
BFD turnout gear belonging to Jim Furby

Joyce Zilles
Ration books

First United Presbyterian Church
1939 Bellefontaine City Directory

George & Diana Wackerman
Girl Scout Brownie uniform worn by Diana; Ebenezzer Zane Cabin Dedication program, 1999

Lynn DiLoreto
Soap bars from the Logan Hotel

Kathleen Robinson
WWII era photos of the Ives family, railroad, factory workers; Indian Lake and DeGraff/Quincy booklets and photos

Judy Tom
Pen & Ink print of Bellefontaine City Schools by Cassie Hassel

Judy Snyder
Children's record albums from the 1950s-1960s

Dr. Earl Sloan Library
Sloan Liniment bottles & box

Rose Carlson
Postcard sent from Chicago to Goldie Thompson of Bellefontaine in 1909

Sally Yoder
U.S. Army uniform of Emmett Yoder, Jr. WWII era

Curtis Caldwell
Scanned photos of members of the Bellefontaine Masonic Lodge, N. Madriver St. neighborhood cookout, 1960s/1970s; neighborhood kids dressed as "Our Gang" for a Bellefontaine parade (1970s); newspaper articles

LeAnn Hadley Riley
Glass plate negatives from Hadley Studios

Elaine DeMarsh
Cherokee Lane Grocery pen

Leah Harrison c/o Robert G. Harrison
BHS Class of 1959 photographs and Baccalaureate program

Dan Fawcett
Merchant Industries booklet, photos, postcard

Stephen Langstaff
Items from donor's grandfather Ernest "Poncho" Hemleben; father's Army uniform

Mike Freeman
Veterans' obituaries

Letty Powers
Quincy historical booklet; Lakeview High School 1908 Commencement program; Indian Lake Masonic and Eastern Star programs

Lois Layer
BHS Class of 1931 photo with members outside of the school in their caps and gowns

Shawndel Wilson
Promotional laundry bags from Cornerstone Dry Cleaners

Toni & John McPherson
Stapler from Huntington National Bank

Mary Mortimer
Electric griddle/sandwich maker

Philip S. Church
Photographs from the 1962 Rededication of Oldest Concrete Street Parade/Celebration

Herb Tamplin
DeGraff and other newspapers; DeGraff postcard of a wolf hunt

Wyandot County Historical Society
Postcard of Castle Mac-A-Cheek's Master Suite

Russell Strayer
Indian Lake Hotel & Accommodations photo/postcard collage and listing

Bruce Smith
Zane Caverns postcard collection; Emil Geiger Clothing Store token

Matthew Chamberlain & C. Douglas Chamberlain
Stock Certificate book/ledger from the Indian Lake Amusement Company; newspaper article about dispute over Indian Lake amusement park land ownership

Byron Scott c/o Bryan & Brad Scott
Poster for Tommy Dorsey & His Orchestra playing at the Stardust Ballroom at Russells Point; Lake Twp. ballot box

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Welcome to our New Members!

March 2021

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ALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST!

All dues paid after October 1st will be applied to 2022's dues.

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____ OUTREACH Committee volunteer

____ Adult Tours docent

____ Halloween KidFest

____ FUNDRAISING Committee volunteer

____ Student Tours docent

____ Christmas decorating of museum

____ LEVY Committee volunteer

____ Reg. Open Hours tours docent

____ Christmas Open House docent/volunteer

____ Open House docent/volunteer

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