

# THE LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER - NEWSLETTER - *History Matters*

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## *Christmas at the* **HISTORY CENTER** **OPEN HOUSE**

**DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>-7<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup>-14<sup>TH</sup> 1:00-5:00PM**

**SPECIAL EVENING HOURS ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 5:30-7:30PM**

The annual Christmas at the History Center is scheduled for December 6<sup>TH</sup>-7<sup>TH</sup> and 13<sup>TH</sup>-14<sup>TH</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00. We will once again have a special evening open house on Friday, December 12<sup>TH</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30. The trees and rooms take on a special glow after dark.

We will have entertainment in the Orr Mansion's West Parlor and in the Transportation Museum, but places to sit and listen to the music are limited. We will be offering refreshments to the visitors in the Presidents' Room. We will also be handing out goodie bags with take home crafts for the children.

Please keep checking our website, [www.loganhistory.org](http://www.loganhistory.org), and our Facebook page for updates on the Christmas open house. Once we have everyone confirmed, we will put a schedule of musicians and a list of the tree and room decorators who will be participating in the open house on the website and on Facebook. We hope to see you at the 2025 Christmas at the History Center! We will be posting photographs of the decorated trees and mansion rooms on our website for those that cannot make it to the open house.





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History Center Hours  
Wednesday–Sunday  
1:00–4:00PM



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Thank you,

*Todd McCormick*  
Curator/Director

# HALLOWEEN KIDFEST

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**  
**1:00–3:00PM**

The Logan County History Center will once again host our annual Halloween KidFest on Saturday, October 25<sup>TH</sup> from 1:00–3:00PM



Participants will enter through the Logan County Transportation Museum doors and trick or treat through the museum bays. They will then make their way up to the Logan County Museum and trick or treat through the spooky hallways and decorated rooms before exiting the Museum and walking around the Orr Mansion. The children can pick out a pumpkin from our “pumpkin patch” in the front yard of the Orr Mansion (as long as supplies last) and receive a craft kit to take home with them to decorate their pumpkin.

There is no admission fee, but we do suggest bringing canned goods or non-perishable food items that will be donated to a local food pantry. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Volunteers will be in costume throughout the History Center. We welcome you to share your Halloween costume photos in front of the Orr Mansion via email to [historycenter@loganhistory.org](mailto:historycenter@loganhistory.org). We will then post them on the History Center Facebook page. We are looking forward to this year’s Halloween KidFest. It is always one of our more popular events at the Logan County History Center.

The History Center will be closed for tours October 20<sup>TH</sup>–27<sup>TH</sup> in preparation and tear-down of Halloween KidFest.



On July 18<sup>TH</sup> the Ohio Department of Development and the Governor’s Office held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new rest area on westbound US 33. The visitor center features photographs/banners of area attractions along US 33, including the Logan County History Center/Logan County Transportation Museum. Doug Chamberlain, LCHS vice-president, represented the Historical Society at the event and presented Governor DeWine with a LCHC brochure and a booklet about the Oldest Concrete Street in America.

## Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

**June 2025**

Nancy S. Decker

**July 2025**

Hannah Downing  
Gary Garland

[www.loganhistory.org/  
membership-information](http://www.loganhistory.org/membership-information)

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

**MONTHLY \$20  
GIFT CERTIFICATE  
DRAWING**

*June*  
**Bob Easterday**

*July*  
**Louise Norris**

# 2025 Calendar OF Events

## OCTOBER

**11<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS WORKSHOP**

8:00AM Transportation Museum

**11<sup>TH</sup> DAR MEETING**

10:00AM AcuSport Room

**14<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS MEETING**

7:00PM Presidents’ Room

**15<sup>TH</sup> LCHS MEETING**

**SEAN HEIGHTS**

6:30–8:00PM AcuSport Room

**20–27<sup>TH</sup> MUSEUM CLOSED FOR  
KIDFEST PREPARATION**

**25<sup>TH</sup> HALLOWEEN KIDFEST**

1:00–3:00PM History Center

## NOVEMBER

**1<sup>ST</sup> CHRISTMAS TREE SET-UP**

8:30AM History Center

**5<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS TREE SET-UP**

9:30AM Transportation Museum

**8<sup>TH</sup> DAR MEETING**

10:00AM Presidents’ Room

**10<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS MEETING**

7:00PM AcuSport Room

**13<sup>TH</sup> BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING**

7:00PM AcuSport Room

**27–29<sup>TH</sup> CLOSED FOR  
THANKSGIVING**

## DECEMBER

**6–7<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

1:00–5:00PM History Center

**8<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS MEETING**

7:00PM Presidents’ Room

**10<sup>TH</sup> LCHS MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**

7:00PM AcuSport Room

**12<sup>TH</sup> EVENING CHRISTMAS OPEN  
HOUSE**

5:30–7:30PM History Center

**13–14<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

1:00–5:00PM History Center

**DEC 24<sup>TH</sup>–JAN 2<sup>ND</sup> CLOSED  
FOR CHRISTMAS**



The Logan County Historical Society is pleased to announce a new history book, "Historic Sketches of Logan County, Ohio", which is being written by Mary E. Mortimer with contributions from Todd McCormick, John McPherson and Beth Marshall. The book will feature interesting histories of people, places and events of Logan County.

The final page count will depend on the number of book orders – so we need your support! Only a limited number of books will be printed, therefore it is necessary to take all orders in advance. Order "Historic Sketches of Logan County, Ohio" at the discounted pre-publication price of \$42.50\* for the standard edition and \$74.95\* for the deluxe bonded leather edition.

"Historic Sketches of Logan County, Ohio", will contain a Patron section for Logan County businesses, churches, schools, clubs, and organizations. You are invited to submit your written histories for prominent display in the professionally designed history book. For a Patron Page, you should include your history and interesting stories written in the third person (he, she, they). Include any information you feel pertinent: the date your business, church, school, club or organization was started, location(s), who was the founder, growth, etc. and a historic and current photo if possible. If you do not have photos or information, please feel free to contact the History Center Archives at **937-593-7557**.

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### PATRON PAGE COST:

**Full Page**, please submit approximately 800 words with two photos.

Color \$500.00

Black and White \$400.00

**Half Page**, please submit approximately 300 words with one photo.

Color \$240.00

Black and White \$195.00

A full black and white or full color page purchase includes a complimentary copy of the book. Patron pages must be submitted by October 31, 2025.

All patron page information and photos must be submitted to the **Logan County History Center at 521 E. Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311** or by emailing it to [historycenter@loganhistory.org](mailto:historycenter@loganhistory.org).

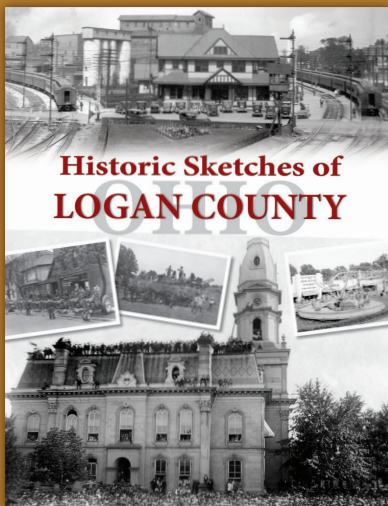
All patron page payments must be sent to M.T. Publishing Co.

"Historic Sketches of Logan County, Ohio" will be available in mid-2026 as we celebrate the Nation's 250<sup>TH</sup> anniversary. As a nonprofit organization, our purpose in publishing a pictorial history of Logan County, Ohio is to preserve its history for the enjoyment and education of future generations.

If you have questions regarding the book project, contact Mary Mortimer, Administrative Assistant, at [historycenter@loganhistory.org](mailto:historycenter@loganhistory.org)



## BOOK PRE-ORDER DEADLINE EXTENSION: OCTOBER 31, 2025



### PRE-ORDER PRICE \$42.50

- 8.5" x 11" Coffee Table Book
- Approximately 300 Pages
- Deluxe Hardbound Covers with Dust Jacket
- 70 lb. Acid-Free Glossy Paper
- Superior Photo Reproduction
- Quality Printing & Binding
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## THE LOGAN COUNTY MUSEUM HAS A NEW LOOK!

A special thank you to Jason Kuba and his crew from Urban Renovation & Development for replacing our old worn-out pillars with brand new pillars.

We really appreciate the hard work and dedication they showed on this project!

## 2025 LCHC STAFF

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Custodians

### Eric Adelsberger

Bookkeeper

### Tim McPherson

Caretaker

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## SAVING THE HONEYBEES!

At the end of May, we discovered honeybees living in one of the maple trees next to the Orr Mansion. We contacted local beekeeper, Mike Woodruff, who had experience with moving honeybees from trees to hive boxes.

On June 2, Mike built a stand and set up a hive box next to the tree. He attached a covering over the hole with a long tube where the bees were entering and exiting the tree. This encouraged the bees to enter the hive box instead of returning to the tree. As the bees left the tree, they began setting up a new hive in the box.

It was a slow, but steady process over the next five weeks. Once the queen bee had left the tree, and entered the hive box, the task of moving the hive began.

Mike enlisted his friend and local beekeeper, Robert Shields to help. The hive box, with an estimated 20,000 bees and honeycombs, was very heavy. Working together, they slowly lowered the hive box to the ground. Mike smoked the hole in the tree to encourage any remaining bees to leave. Once all the bees were out of the tree he sealed the hole.

The honeybees are now living on Mike's farm where they will continue to thrive.

A generous thank you to Mike Woodruff and Robert Shields for saving our honeybees and all they do to help the struggling honeybee population.

## LCHS MEETING & PROGRAM: CAPTAIN LEWIS AND THE OHIO SHAWNEE PRESENTED BY SEAN HEIGHTS

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 6:30–8:00PM**

**ACUSPORT MEETING ROOM IN THE TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM**

Logan County Historical Society member, Sean Heights will be presenting a program about his new book "Captain Lewis and the Ohio Shawnee".

"Quatawapea", or Captain Lewis, as he was called by the Americans, is not known for his military prowess but he was admired and respected by all parties for his unique ability to see the larger picture and in helping to resolve the conflicts that arose during the tumultuous times of the Ohio Valley Indian Wars.

Much like Shawnee Chief Blackhoof and Tecumseh, Captain Lewis spent his adult life trying to secure the survival of his people. Unlike Tecumseh and Blackhoof, who saw confrontation or assimilation as the only clear choices, Lewis seemed to have played both sides of the equation depending on which one most served his cause. Somehow, he successfully portrayed himself as a subservient and reliable ally to the Americans, while still protecting Tecumseh's rebellion and maintaining an Ohio homeland for his people longer than nearly every other great Indian leader."

Sean's book aims to try and shed some light on the complicated and often misunderstood life of Quatawapea (Captain Lewis).

The public is welcome, and admission is free.

## LOGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S MEMBERSHIP CHRISTMAS MEETING

**DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00PM**

For this year's Membership Christmas meeting we are again asking everyone to bring finger foods (or whatever you want) for a light dinner and camaraderie. Table service and beverages will be provided. This will also be an important meeting as we will be voting on our new 2026 Board of Trustees and Officers. The dinner will take place in the Presidents' Room in the Museum basement.

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 10<sup>TH</sup> at 6:00PM.



MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>–AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
**ARTIFACT DONATIONS**

—.. *Thank You!* ..—

**Pat Ortli**

Huntsville Carter Lumber Co. booklet, Powell Family and Davis- Perkins Family histories

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Photograph 1937 Youth Banquet at Rushsylvania High School, misc. school and community play/musical programs and artifacts, Beta Sigma Phi items, local business & organizations ephemera, clothing,

**Jody Nolin & David Saxby**

"Eclipse Emergency Route" sign

**Janis Byrd**

Railroad timebook, photos, retirement article of R.G. "Gail" Byrd

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West Liberty High School yearbooks, BHS senior autograph book, Latin class notes, French textbook

**Hi-Point Business Solution**

BHS sports programs, local business ads/clipart

**Ruthanne Thomas**

Blue Jacket One-Room School handbell

**Christine Long**

Bellefontaine & Indian Lake business/organization ephemera, giveaways and souvenirs

**Boyd Hoddinot**

Early 1900s medicine kit, Frank P. Miller "Knifeless" Appendicitis Treatment bottle (Miller was from Bellefontaine)

**Robert Stevie**

Indian Lake souvenir miniature harmonica

**Cramer Siblings**

West Mansfield Class of 1904 composite, 1875 Logan County Atlas (reprint)

**Sandra Meyers**

Papers, minutes, scrapbooks, etc. from the Margaret Riddle Circle of Christian Service (King's Daughters)

**Shawndel Wilson**

Old light bulb from Logan Fairgrounds Grandstand

**Mary Mortimer**

Book "All of My Highland Heart" by P.K. Hudson (2025). The author is Logan County Native, Pam Foreman Defibaugh

**Sara Sammetinger Hammond**

Ritz Club Rt. 69 N. Indian Lake fondue sticks for cheese

**Ralph & Martha Tackett**

Commemorative plate of the Quincy D.T. & I. Railroad Bridge

**Robert Aiken**

Book, The Trail of Battery D (WWI - included several members from Logan County)

**Marcia Cloninger**

Railroad time books used by her father J.L. Brown

**Jesse D. Bickham**

Man's Boater (hat) sold at Wolfheim's, Epps Drug Store bottle, Frazier's Pharmacy Bottle

**Sandy Lockwood**

Certificates, programs, letters, articles, etc. concerning her son Gunnery Sergeant David S. Spicer of Zanesfield who was killed in action during the War on Terror (Afghanistan)

**Ralph & Barbara Shoots**

Bellefontaine Church of Christ (First Christian) Centennial Plate 1852-1952

**Mari Hafera**

Mother's (Marjorie Black from DeGraff) WWII War Bond Stamp Book

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Indian Lake souvenir cookbook by the Women's Club of Russells Point, ca. 1931

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