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CHECK OUT OUR





CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

The History Center is pleased to announce our all-new website www.loganhistory.org created and designed by Elle A. Design www.elleadesign.com. Not only did they design our site, but they also shot all photography and videography.

On our website you can explore the rooms in the Orr Mansion, Logan County Museum, and the Transportation Museum. Under the Logan County History tab, you will find information about American Indian history, the Railroad and Industries, famous Logan Countians, and the Underground Railroad.

The Research tab has links to our newsletters from 2016 to our latest newsletter. Read about the Logan County Historical Society history and find more information about the History Center Archives and the Logan County Genealogical Society.

The Visit Us tab features an Education link for teachers about the Third Grade Field Trip Grant Program and LCHC Tours and Programs. The Upcoming Events link will list any events and programs we have scheduled.

Elle A. Design is a graphic design studio based in West Liberty, Ohio. They design our quarterly newsletter, *History Matters*, and brochures, ads, membership cards and business cards for us. Thank you, Elle A. Design, for all your hard work and creativity!

HALLOWEEN KIDFEST

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 21, 2023 | 1:00-3:00PM

The Logan County History Center will once again host our annual Halloween KidFest. Participants will enter through the Logan County Transportation Museum doors and trick or treat through the museum bays and then make their way up to the Logan County Museum and trick or treat through the decorated hallways and rooms before exiting the Museum and walking around the Orr Mansion.

There will be a photo opportunity for children in costume in front of the Orr Mansion. You can share your photos via email to be posted on the History Center Facebook page. Before leaving, children will receive a pumpkin and goodie bag 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.

We are looking forward to having our Halloween KidFest on Saturday, October 21st, 2023. It is always one of our more popular events at the Logan County History Center.

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We would like to thank the many people who supported the Logan County Historical Society/ History Center with monetary donations through our 2022-2023 Winter Appeal Letter (November 2022–September 15, 2023) and with our continuing Pillars of History fundraising drive for our multi-year project of having repairs and restoration work done on the Orr Mansion's exterior, along with other donations and gifts. This fall work will be done on the 3rd floor balcony railings and the portico railings. We appreciate your generosity in supporting the Society's/ History Center's mission to collect, preserve and promote Logan County's history.

Todd McCormick Curator/Director ____

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June 2023 Katharine Brower

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YOUNG HISTORIANS

After twenty years of the Young Historians, we are taking a step away from the group this year. Instead, Amy and I are planning to team teach a session in the Summer Enrichment Academy next June. This will allow us to reach a greater number of young people and continue to share aspects of our county's rich and interesting history.

The Young Historians have been an important and fulfilling endeavor of the Logan County Historical Society for a long time. Although I do not know this for certain, I am confident in saying that it was one of the longest running programs of its kind in the state. I am very proud of the work we did with students and even prouder of our Young Historians "alumni." This list includes several valedictorians, scholastic award winners, scholarship recipients, and even more important – many really great kids!

I would like to thank all of those who participated in the Young Historians over the years and their families. You have all made the Logan County Historical Society a better organization. Along with the parents of the Young Historians I would also like to thank all of those who helped with the group over the years, including Jean Leininger who assisted me with the Young Historians in its infancy and of course a big thank you to my wife Amy for all of her hard work, ideas, and teaching expertise.

Although we are stepping away from the Young Historians program at this time, that does not mean we will not come back to it in the future.

Thanks again, Todd



OCTOBER

3RD DAR MEETING 6:30PM President's Room

9^{тн} PIECEMAKERS MEETING 7:00PM President's Room

10[™] ATHENIAN CLUB MEETING 2:00PM President's Room

16TH−22ND CLOSED Halloween KidFest Preparation

21ST HALLOWEEN KIDFEST 1:00–3:00PM History Center

27TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING 6:30PM Transportation Museum

28TH PIECEMAKERS WORKSHOP 9:00AM President's Room

NOVEMBER

4TH CHRISTMAS TREE SET-UP 8:30AM History Center

8TH CHRISTMAS TREE SET-UP 9:30AM Transportation Museum

9TH BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING 7:00PM AcuSport Room

11TH DAR MEETING 10:00AM President's Room **13TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING** 7:00PM President's Room

14TH ATHENIAN CLUB MEETING 2:00PM Presidnet's Room

22ND−24TH CLOSED Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

2ND & 3RD CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE 1:00-5:00PM History Center

6[™]LCHC MEMBERSHIP MEETING 6:00PM President's Room

8TH EVENING CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE 5:30-7:30PM History Center

9TH & 10TH CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE 1:00-5:00PM History Center

11TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING 7:00PM President's Room

12TH ATHENIAN CLUB MEETING 2:00PM Presidnet's Room

21sT−JAN. 2ND CLOSED Christmas Break



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APPLE ORCHARDS

Apple picking season in Ohio usually begins late summer and runs through the end of October. Ohio is one of the top 10 states in apple production in the United States. It produces around 50 different varieties, including Cameo, Cortland, Crispin, Empire, Fuji, Gala, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Honeycrisp, Jonagold, Law Rome, Lodi, MacIntosh, Red Delicious, and Winesap.

Logan County has a long history of apple orchards and cider making. Apples can be used in pies, tarts, dumplings, and salads. They can also be made into applesauce and a variety of other dishes and desserts. Large copper pots were often used to cook the apples into apple butter.

One of the earliest apple orchards in Logan County was John Shawver's Shady Nook Farm in Harrison Township. In the early 1900s, Shawver sold apples and was a frequent speaker at the Farmer's Institute on the care and management of apple orchards. Other apple orchards in Logan County have included Grandview, Brookside, Folsom's, and many other smaller orchards.

Grandview Orchard on Township Road 199 was established by Frank Lane in 1920. He ran the orchard for 40 years before selling to Ben and Betty Yocum in 1970. The Yocums advertised 30 apples varieties and installed a new cider press and showroom.

Brookside Fruit Farm was started by Charles and Lena Henry. In 1963, they sold their farm to Russel and Clarissa Anderson. They had approximately 1,875 apple trees and made up to 2,500 gallons of cider per year.

Folsom's Fruit Farm, located just down the road from Brookside, was owned and operated by Ralph and Mary Folsom on County Road 25 near Zanesfield. They started their orchard in 1950 and at one time could accommodate up 7,000 bushels of apples in their processing facility.

Fall is a great time to get out and enjoy the crisp air and buy apples at your favorite orchard or farmer's market.



Apple butter stirrer used on the Kaylor & Choice Beck farm at Rushsylvania.



Cider jug from Grandview Orchard



Copper Kettles from the History Center collection



Apples ready for harvest at Dwight and Bonnie Hansen's Stoneyfield Farm on State Route 47 E., Bellefontaine



Sales room sign from Brookside Fruit Farm



Apple peeler setup in the Orr Mansion Kitchen



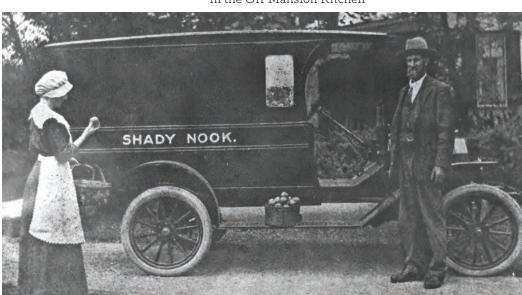
Apple crate from Frank Lane's Grandview Apple Orchard



"The Ladies Friend" fruit dryer from the turn of the century in the Orr Mansion Kitchen



Ralph Folsom sorting apples at his Folsom's Fruit Farm in 1995



John Shawver of Shady Nook Farm delivering apples in the early 1900s.



Dining Room decorated by Betty Lloyd

West Parlor decorated by the Logan County Libraries

CHRISTMAS AT THE HISTORY CENTER

OPEN HOUSE DECEMBER 2–3 & 9–10 | 1–5PM SPECIAL EVENING HOURS ON DECEMBER 8 | 5:30–7:30PM

The annual Christmas at the History Center is scheduled for December 2nd-3rd and 9th-10th from 1:00 to 5:00. We will once again have a special evening open house on Friday, December 8th 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 will be extremely 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 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 that will be participating in the open house on the website and on Facebook. We hope to see you at the 2023 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.

Upcoming Meetings

LCHC MEMBERSHIP CHRISTMAS MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 2023 | 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 2024 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 6th at 6:00 p.m.

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LoCo Art "The Mills Brothers" coloring book designed and produced by LoCo Art, Richard "Duarte" Brown, Isaiah Stanford and LoCo Art members

Robert M. Blue Kennedy's Practical Arithmetic Geometric Blocks used in Zanesfield Schools

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Tommy Lawrence Buckeye Local and Benjamin Logan High School yearbooks

Warren Baughman Motorola Cellular One Car Phone

Logan County Libraries Book "Cut on Six Sides" by Dennis Thatcher of Quincy, DeGraff 1914 Fire photographs. Non-Artifacts: electric typewriter, file cabinets, and acrylic exhibit sneeze guards

Deb Allison 1908 Sears, Roebuck & Co. Catalog (reproduction)

Shawndel Wilson Stereograph of ladies in front of the Orr Mansion

Tom Henry

Souvenir block of the Court Avenue/Oldest Concrete Street, books written by donor "Not Just an Electrician: The Circuitous True Life Journey of Tom Henry" and "The Circuitous True Life Journey of 'The' Tom Henry: You Can Make a Living or You Can Design a Life"

Betsy Forsythe Shoffstall Child's baby stroller that belonged to Betty Cover Forsythe, child's wooden desk & student school slate

Larry L. Page Nikon AW130 Underwater Digital Camera

Brian Riedell Digital download of books and drawings by or about architect George F. Barber (the Orr Mansion was a Barber design)

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Collen Cummins Framed photograph of the congregation standing outside the United Brethren Church of Lakeview

> Mel Allison Portrait of Joseph Smith

Howard Traul Bellefontaine Bridge & Steel Co. Minutes Book/Ledger 1927-1934

1970s "Bellefontaine Examiner" newspapers featuring 1972 gas explosion in downtown Bellefontaine, 1978 Snowstorms/Blizzard

Green Hills Community

West Liberty deejay Bob Harrington photos, gold record

Lana Ferguson Christmas tablecloth given as wedding gift to donor's in-law Gail & Grace Ferguson in 1933

Tricia & Terry Alloway Painting & photographs of the Bickham Covered Bridge and large collection of American Indian

stone tools and points collected by Phil Alloway in the Indian Lake area Shirley McPherson

Boys' hats, woman's dress, Kodak Instamatic camera

Benjamin Logan Schools East Liberty High School Junior-Senior Banquet programs from 1950 & 1951

John W. Kiser Medicine bottles from Figley's Drugs (West Liberty) & Jamison's Discount Drugs (Bellefontaine)

> Tam VanNess Humor books written by Bellefontaine native Tom Henry

Bonnie Staley Jim Greer & the Mac-O-Chee Valley Folks booklet, WLHS Class of 1961 50th Reunion Booklet

> Joanne Leatherman Ladies' clothing from the late 19th-early 20th centuries

> > Jeff Stahler

Original framed "Moderately Confused" comics strips & other original comic drawings by the donor, "Newsweek" magazine with one of donor's political cartoons on the cover

Karen Contner in Memory of Ron Pusey Collection of Bellefontaine Bridge & Iron Co. photographs, "Logan County Directory 1916-1921"

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