

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

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

DECEMBER 5TH–6TH & 12TH–13TH 1:00–5:00PM
SPECIAL EVENING HOURS ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH 5:30–7:30PM

The annual Christmas at the History Center will be held December 5th–6th and 12th–13th from 1:00 to 5:00. A special evening open house will once again take place on Friday, December 11th, from 5:30 to 7:30, when the trees and rooms take on a special glow after dark.

Musical entertainment will be featured in the Orr Mansion's West Parlor and the Transportation Museum, although seating for the musical performances will be limited. Refreshments will be served in the Presidents' Room, and children will receive goodie bags with take-home crafts.

Please check our website www.loganhistory.org and Facebook page for updates about the Christmas open house. Once all participants are confirmed, we will post a schedule of musicians and a list of participating tree and room decorators. We hope to see you at the 2026 Christmas at the History Center! For those unable to attend, photographs of the decorated trees and mansion rooms will be posted on our website.



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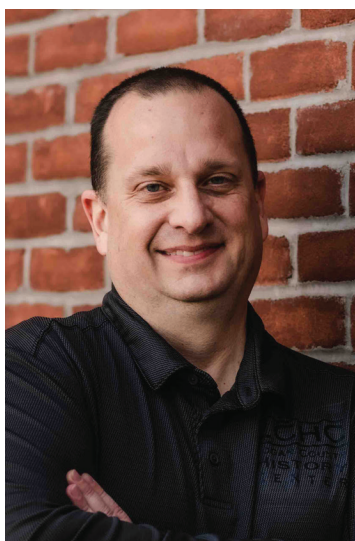
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1:00–4:00PM



2025–2026 WINTER APPEAL LETTER

We would like to thank the many people who supported the Logan County Historical Society/History Center with monetary donations through our 2025–2026 Winter Appeal Letter campaign (September 20th, 2025–September 21st, 2026). We appreciate your generosity in helping us with our continuing restoration of the Orr Mansion and our other special projects throughout the History Center. Your generosity goes a long way in helping us fulfill the Society's/History Center's mission to collect, preserve and promote Logan County's history. We apologize if we inadvertently left someone off the list.

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Thank you,

Todd McCormick
Curator/Director

HALLOWEEN KIDFEST

**Saturday, October 24th
1:00–3:00PM**

The Logan County History Center will once again host its annual Halloween KidFest on Saturday, October 24th, 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 proceed to the Logan County Museum, where they can trick-or-treat through spooky hallways and decorated rooms before exiting and walking around the Orr Mansion.

Children can choose a pumpkin from our “pumpkin patch” in the front yard of the Orr Mansion while supplies last.

Admission is free, but guests are encouraged to bring canned goods or other nonperishable food items for donation to a local food pantry. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Costumed volunteers will be stationed throughout the History Center. We invite you to email photos of your Halloween costumes taken at KidFest to historycenter@loganhhistory.org for possible posting on the History Center’s Facebook page. We look forward to welcoming you to Halloween KidFest, one of our most popular annual events.

The History Center will be closed for tours from October 19th–26th for Halloween KidFest setup and teardown. The Genealogy Library will also be closed during this period.

2026

Calendar OF Events

OCTOBER

10TH PIECEMAKERS WORKSHOP

8:00AM Transportation Museum

10TH DAR MEETING

10:00AM Presidents’ Room

**12TH–14TH BEN LOGAN 3RD GRADE
LOGAN COUNTY LANDMARK FIELD
TRIP & LCHC TOUR**

12TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM Transportation Museum

**19TH–26TH MUSEUM CLOSED FOR
KIDFEST PREPARATION**

24TH HALLOWEEN KIDFEST

1:00–3:00PM History Center

NOVEMBER

7TH CHRISTMAS TREE SET-UP

8:30AM History Center

9TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM Transportation Museum

10TH DAR MEETING

6:30PM Presidents’ Room

11TH CHRISTMAS TREE SET-UP

9:30AM Transportation Museum

**12TH BOARD OF
TRUSTEES MEETING**

7:00PM AcuSport Room

**25TH–28TH CLOSED FOR
THANKSGIVING**

DECEMBER

5TH–6TH CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

1:00–5:00PM History Center

9TH LCHS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

6:00PM Presidents’ Room

**11TH EVENING CHRISTMAS
OPEN HOUSE**

5:30–7:30PM

12TH–13TH CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

1:00–5:00PM History Center

14TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM Transportation Museum

**DEC 23RD–JAN 3RD CLOSED
FOR CHRISTMAS**

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

**MONTHLY \$20
GIFT CERTIFICATE
DRAWING**

June

Nancy Ledley

July

Linda Larsen

August

Louise Norris

Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

September

Ginger Beasley

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

AMERICA 250 PARADE AND JOHN TULLIS MEMORIAL MARKER REDEDICATION

The America 250 Parade on September 20th was a great success! A special thank-you goes to everyone who helped with our floats: Erin Rudat; Julie Schrader; John, Karen, and Tyler Tracey; Doug Chamberlain; Dwight Hansen; Morgan Benton; David Saxby; Brian Baker; Don Corwin; Scott Gill; Chloe Simmons; Beth Marshall; and Todd and Amy McCormick. We deeply appreciate your hard work and dedication, the floats looked wonderful!

We would also like to thank Charyl Winner, a member of the Bellefontaine DAR Chapter, and her fellow chapter members for their dedication to restoring and rededicating the memorial marker for John Tullis, a Revolutionary War patriot and one of Bellefontaine's early founders, at Memorial Hall.



Memorials



BOB & DOROTHY NOTESTINE

Bob's breadth of knowledge of Logan County history and his love for sharing it was remarkable. He was a charter member of the Historical Society and served as a board member and volunteer docent as well. We will forever be indebted to Bob. He will be missed. Dorothy was a vital member of the Logan County Historical Society. She devoted many years to us as a board member and a monthly docent, as well as serving on numerous committees. Above all, she was one of the nicest and sweetest people in the world.



ELAINE DEMARSH

Elaine's contributions to the Logan County Historical Society/Logan County History Center were immeasurable. She served in many capacities, including volunteer curator for many years, helping curate and organize the museum's vast collections. Later she came in nearly every Wednesday and Friday to volunteer in the Archives and in any other capacity we asked her. Over the years, she served on numerous committees, was a monthly docent, edited the Society newsletter and much, much more. We will forever be indebted to Elaine's nearly 40 years of service with the Historical Society/History Center. She left an imprint on us that will never be forgotten. We will miss Elaine immensely.



BRUCE NORRIS

Bruce's dedication to the Logan County Historical Society/Logan County History Center was truly special. His many years as docent, tour guide, board member, and committee member, many times with Louise by his side, helped make our organization and museum better and stronger. We will forever be indebted to Bruce's years of service with us. While we will certainly miss Bruce's many great contributions to LCHS/LCHC, we will miss Bruce the person even more.



RALPH WOOD

Ralph's involvement with the Logan County Historical Society began in his youth when he came to meetings with his grandmother. After moving away for several decades, he returned Bellefontaine in the 1990s and became a board member of LCHS and played a prominent role in the restoration of the Orr Mansion and many other projects. Perhaps more importantly Ralph was very generous in his donations and loans of innumerable artifacts to the History Center. Ralph will be missed but the indelible mark he left on the History Center will be everlasting.

UNITED WAY COMMUNITY CARE DAY

Special thanks to the United Way volunteers from Mary Rutan Health who cleaned the vinyl fencing at the History Center on August 21st. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!



Volunteers from Mary Rutan Health

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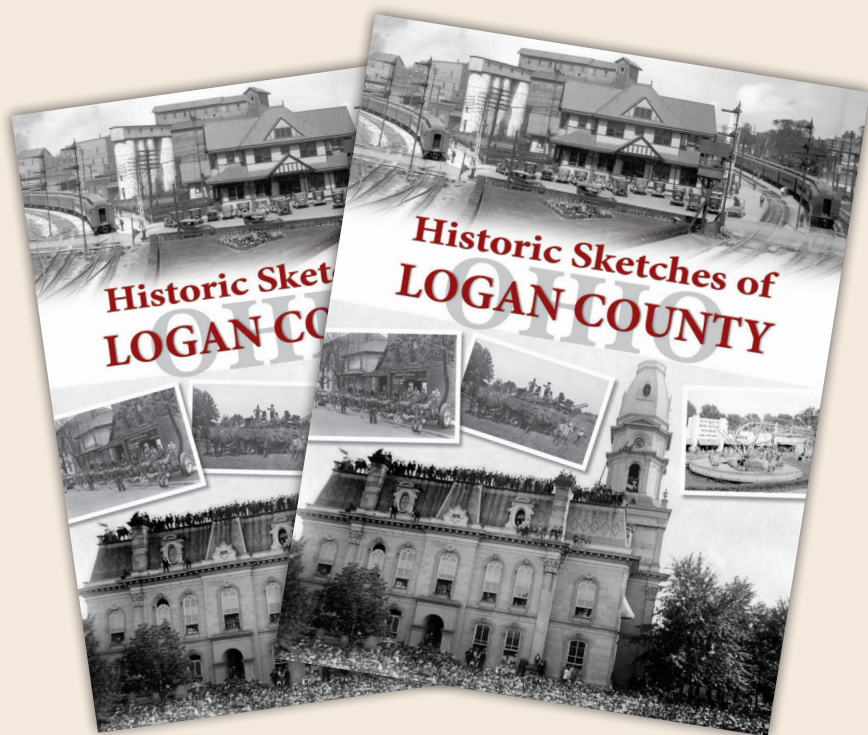
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HISTORIC SKETCHES OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO UPDATE

Historic Sketches is currently being designed by M.T. Publishing Co. We anticipate receiving the first proof within the next few weeks, with publication estimated for early December. If the books are released sooner, we will let everyone know.

Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered Historic Sketches. We are confident you will enjoy the book and treasure it as a keepsake to pass down through generations.

*Thank
You!*

JUNE 16TH, 2026 – SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2026 • ARTIFACT DONATIONS

~ ~ ~ Thank You! ~ ~ ~

Mac Smith

Local newspapers

Art Mortimore Family

West Mansfield Class of 1927 composite,
East Liberty Class of 1928 composite, Thelma
Kleffman WMHS 1927 diploma, Harold
Mortimore ELHS 1928 diploma

Bob Mattfeld

Variety of household and
business artifacts

Jim & Carol Burkholder

Doll bed made by Lewis Burkholder using
wooden thread spools

Dennis McBrien

Lewistown/Washington Local Boys
1944-45 Boys Basketball team,
Walter Alston, coach

Betsy Ann Shoffstall

Book Watt's Improvement of the Mind, 1833,
believed to have been used at Geneva College
in Northwood, Logan County. Indian Lake
School newspapers/newsletters. Other items
for Archives.

Cheryl Best & Annette Griffith

Teddy Bear Mrs. Griffith won at San Juan
Amusement Park at Indian Lake in the
early 1960s.

Terry Conley

Belle Center Boy Scouts uniform
shirt, ca. 1950s

Jim Jenkins

1949 Soapbox Derby Car originally built
by Joel Milestone of Huntsville and later
belonging to donor

Jim LoSasso

Diecast model of AJ Miller coach 1949
Cadillac Coupe de Ville made by donor and
mounted a brick from the old AJ Miller
factory building

Linda Trigalet

DeGraff postcards, West Liberty postmarked
postcards sent to the Spellman family in
Oklahoma

Ralph Wood Estate

Logan County postcards, photographs,
newspapers/articles, photographs from
Ralph's trucking company hauling Apollo 11
traveling exhibit

Bellefontaine Police Department

Dispatch Receiver used by the BPD

Fred Reynolds

Donor's Army Colonel Dress uniform
(with commendations/ribbons), Bellefontaine
Bridge & Iron Co. photos of projects and
employees, Bellefontaine City Council photos
ca. 1940s. 1840s-1910s Logan
County postmarks.

Robert Hertenstein

Traveling iron, survey maps of the Lease
family land in Rushcreek Twp.

Chuck Blair

Civil War discharge of Bellefontaine native
Jeremiah Overhalser, Confederate flag
Overhalser captured at the Third Battle
Winchester (Virginia) in 1864, photo of
Overhalser as an older man.

Jennifer Fritz-Hunter

Belle Center High School yearbooks
(1957-1964)

Shirley & Carl Arledge

Bellefontaine Kings' Daughters
minutes books

Beth Marshall

Logan County Libraries 175th Anniversary
stress reliever "book"

Theresa Hatton

1875 Logan County Atlas with handmade
notes by her mother, Elaine DeMarsh

Donna Hemphill Stoner

1916 Lakeview/Indian Lake postcards, 1923
Bellefontaine Big Four Depot postcard

In Memory of Mike Barthauer

1928 New York Central Railroad
Stock Certificate

Louise Norris

Variety of watches, jewelry, local business
and organizations' ephemera

Shawn Harrold Karasarides

Rugs and China from the Harrold family
when they lived in the Orr Mansion

Janet Detrick

DeGraff Chapter of the DAR scrapbook,
handmade handkerchiefs, 1911 Valentine

Dale Roth & Bob Bazzle

Large collection prehistoric of shell/crinoid
beads found by Dale Roth in the 1960s in
eastern Logan County

Doug Braden

Logan County postcards from his mother
Phyllis's collection.

Jeannie Wren

Logan County village/township history
booklets, Logan County phonebook

Logan County Libraries

Area history booklets, phonebooks

Logan Piecemakers

Quilt pieced by late member Kathleen Price
and sewn by member Diane Smith

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