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LOGAN COUNTY LIBRARIANS IN ACTION

On Christmas Day 2022, the Logan County Library in Bellefontaine suffered a disaster when their water pipes burst. The library had to be closed indefinitely while everything was removed, and the cleaning and remodeling process could begin. Beth Marshall, History Center Archivist and Assistant Curator, who had retired from the library, contacted her former co-worker, Alicia Wilkins, Reference Services Supervisor, about the possibility of some of the library workers helping out in Archives. Alicia contacted Library Director, Bev Arlequeeuw and they both decided it was a great idea and a “win/win” situation. Archives would get the extra help needed, and they would be able to keep some of their staff doing meaningful work and helping in the community.

In February, Mari Smith, Melinda Ridgway, both members of the Reference Staff, and Haley Gibson from the Patron Services department started working in Archives. Some of the projects they have been helping with include transferring the Benedetti Photography negative collection to a usable form in an Excel spreadsheet and scanning Hadley Photography negatives. They also helped prepare for the History Center’s “Salute to Logan County Schools” Open House. Their technical skills with computers have been very beneficial, and their help has been very valuable and much appreciated. A Big Thank You to the Logan County Library for their support!

September Meeting

BELLEFONTAINE CEMETERY WALK

September 6TH, 2023 | 6:30PM | 632 E. Brown Ave. Bellefontaine, OH

For the September 6th LCHS program, John McPherson and Mary Mortimer will be leading a cemetery walk at the Bellefontaine Cemetery. John will share the interesting history of some of the individuals buried there. Mary will highlight some of the more unusual tombstones and discuss symbolism that is many times used on gravestones.

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CURATOR'S CORNER

I hope you enjoy this interactive Curator's Corner! Perhaps after completing the "Logan County Landmark" word search you will be compelled to go visit some of these landmarks in our great county!

Thank you,

Todd McCormick

Curator/Director

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Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

February

David Mouser

March

Don Mathys

April

Glenay Robinson

John D. Kelly

Denny & Peg Clevenger

May

Lisa Sipes

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

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

MONTHLY \$20
GIFT CERTIFICATE
DRAWING

March

Leslie Warne

April

Bruce Norris

May

Marlyn Kelly

YEARLY \$100
GIFT CERTIFICATE
DRAWING

Sandy Yoder

2023 Calendar OF Events

JULY

4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

CLOSED for holiday

9-15TH LOGAN COUNTY FAIR BOOTH

12:00-9:00 P.M. Merchants Bldg.

10TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

13TH BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

AUGUST

15TH PIECEMAKERS WORKSHOP

9:00AM Honda Atrium

SEPTEMBER

4TH LABOR DAY

CLOSED for holiday

6TH CEMETERY WALK

6:30PM Bellefontaine Cemetary

9TH DAR MEETING

10:00AM AcuSport Room

11TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

12TH ATHENIAN CLUB MEETING

2:00PM AcuSport Room

14TH BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

OCTOBER

9TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

10TH ATHENIAN CLUB MEETING

2:00PM AcuSport Room

14TH DAR MEETING

10:00AM AcuSport Room

21TH HALLOWEEN KIDFEST

1:00-3:00PM History Center

27TH PIECEMAKERS PROGRAM

7:00PM Honda Atrium

28TH PIECEMAKERS WORKSHOP

9:00AM Honda Atrium

New Website COMING SOON!

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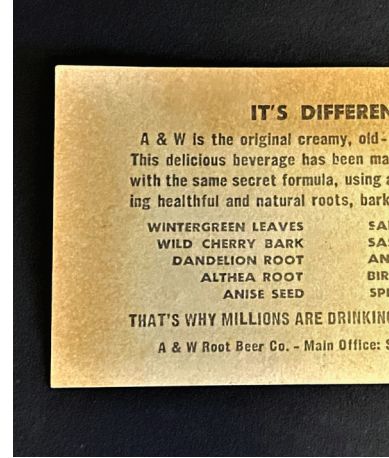
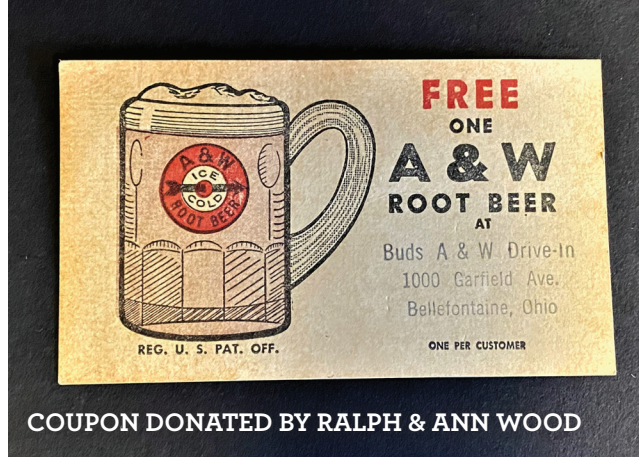
THE HISTORY OF THE HAYES DRIVE-IN ROOT BEER STAND

Walter Hayes opened the Hayes Root Beer Stand at 817 S. Main St., Bellefontaine around 1950. Three generations of the Hayes family worked at their drive-in, and all at the same time! From Grandpa Walter to his grandson Perry, their story shows how important family was to this "Family Business".

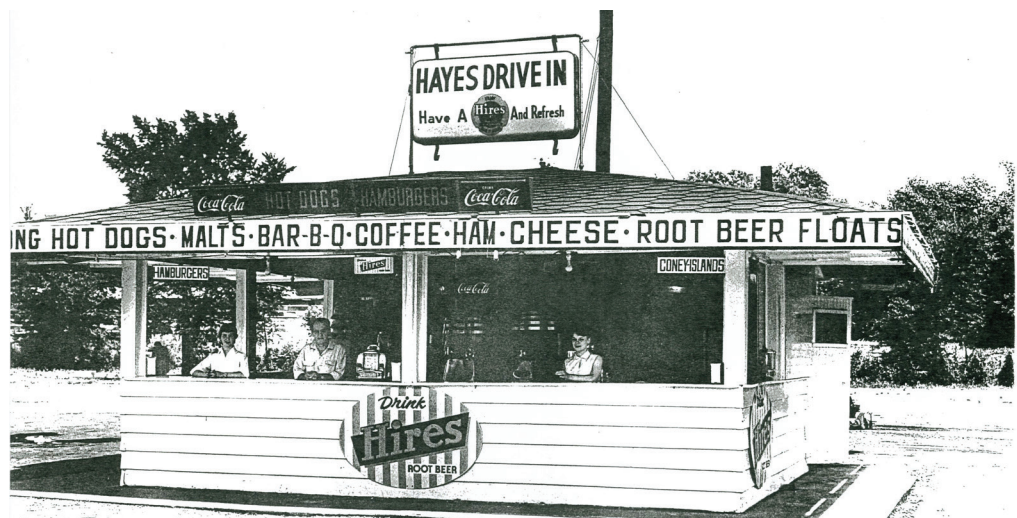
At the age of three, Perry began helping around his grandfather's drive-in by picking up trash. Each year Grandpa Walter gave his grandson more and more responsibilities at the restaurant. While Perry cleaned up the large parking lot, Grandma Mary dominated the kitchen with an "iron" spatula. Between the ham salad, potato salad, and tuna salad made during the day, and the hamburgers, chicken and fish sandwiches, and grilled tenderloins during the evenings, Mary had her hands full in feeding the regulars. Footlong hot dogs and Coney Dogs were the domain of their daughter, Carol, who worked the steamer. Perry's father, Richard, helped with maintenance on the electrical and plumbing systems as well as working on the appliances.

This family and team helped to make the Hayes Root Beer Stand a great place to dine for many Logan Countians. They also helped those in need, as hobos and other transients would frequently come to the restaurant asking for handouts. Walter never gave them money, but he would accept insignificant items like shoelaces as payment for a meal or hot cup of coffee. The Drive-In closed when Walter retired in 1969.

Research and text by John McPherson and Jeff Ashley



Dog N Suds was located at 825 North Main Street. Vicario's Pizza was later located at this site before moving to its new location on South Main Street.



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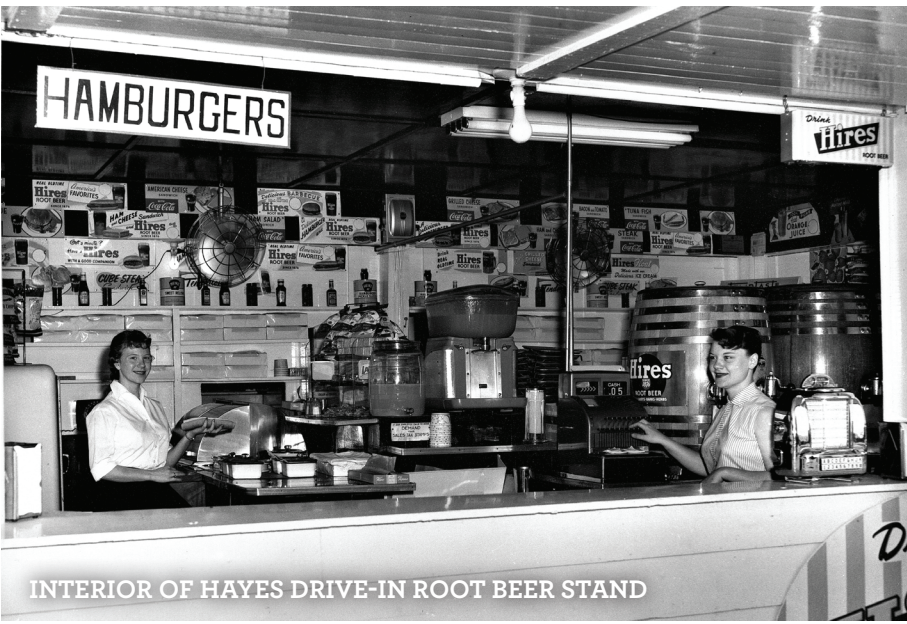


BUD'S A&W ROOT BEER

Bud's A&W Root Beer was located at 1000 West Garfield Avenue on the outskirts of Bellefontaine. Earl Richards owned and operated the root beer stand. The location was most recently the site of Wayside Gardens.



You can still get the 1950s vibe of a root beer stand in Logan County at the newly restored The Root Beer Stand at Indian Lake. The restaurant is located at 8080 State Route 366 in Russells Point.



INTERIOR OF HAYES DRIVE-IN ROOT BEER STAND



PHOTO DONATED BY PAUL RINEHART

Policeman Junior Garwood and Baby Sox at Hayes Root Beer Stand, 800 block of South Main Street, Bellefontaine.

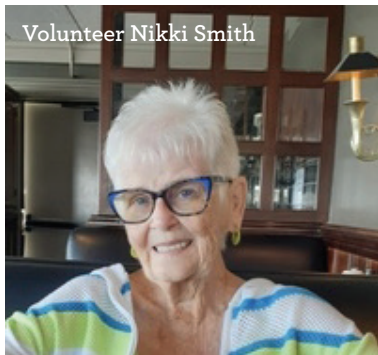


MUG DONATED BY TERRY & SUSAN CONLEY

IN MEMORIAM

The Logan County Historical Society lost two dedicated volunteers recently. Jim VanNess served as docent for around ten years. Many of those years with his good friend Jim DeLong. In fact, Jim DeLong is the one who brought Jim to the History Center. The two “Jims” loved talking and reminiscing with one another every third Friday of the month as docents. After Jim DeLong passed away Jim continued to serve as a docent up until a couple of years ago. Jim also served on the Building Committee and always passed out candy at KidFest. One of Jim’s best contributions to the History Center was getting his wife Tam involved as a docent, Christmas Committee volunteer, and helping out in Archives. Jim was a truly a great person. He will be dearly missed by all of us at the History Center.

Nikki Smith served in various positions on the Historical Society board since 2011 including as a trustee at time of her passing. Nikki also acted as the chair of the LCHS Nominating Committee for many years. Over that time, she helped bring in many wonderful board members. Nikki also volunteered with the Christmas open house and KidFest. Nikki contributed to the board in many ways, including with her wit, she will be sincerely missed by all of us.



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SAVE THE DATE! HALLOWEEN KIDFEST

The Logan County History Center will once again host its annual Halloween Kidfest on October 21, 2023. The Logan County Museum will be decorated for Halloween and there will be trick or treating for kids. More information about Halloween KidFest 2023 will be available on our Facebook page and website www.loganhistory.org in the near future.

A Thank You to...

We would like to thank following LCHC volunteers who served as tour guides for the school field trips to the History Center this spring: Louise & Bruce Norris, Lois Stoll, Jeanne Jenkins, Dee Ricketts, Jim King, Marilyn Springs, Jill Hill, Sara Bratka, Nancy McGuire and Mark Curtis. We could not provide this important service to schools without our great volunteers! A special thank you to Archivist/Asst. Curator Beth Marshall for helping me with the Logan County Landmark Bus Field Trips. - Todd McCormick, Curator/Director

Thank You!

MARCH 14TH, 2023 – JUNE 5TH, 2023
ARTIFACT DONATIONS

Thank You!

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WWII Army Chaplain Alonzo Bailey military items, pre-historic projectile points

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Mary Rutan Hospital booklets, Bellefontaine Eagles jacket, men's smoking jacket, photos of Smithers Barn and Piatt Castles

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U.S. Coast Guard manual, 1905 Robert's Rules of Order

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Christening gowns and girls' clothing from the Mitchell/Glasgow families (Belle Center)

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Local newspapers, misc. county records/historical articles (photocopies)

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Pine Avenue Elementary School items: wood cutout, souvenir cup, & 2006-2007 yearbook

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Late 1800s/early 1900s photographs & postcards of downtown Bellefontaine, Bellefontaine Opera House programs & advertisements

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Indian Lake postcard, 1911

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