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Christmas
AT THE HISTORY CENTER
OPEN HOUSE
 December 3RD-4TH & 10TH-11TH, 2022 | 1:00-5:00PM
 * Special Evening Hours on Friday, December 9TH, 2022 | 5:30-7:30PM

The annual Christmas at the History Center is scheduled for December 3RD-4TH and 10TH-11TH from 1:00-5:00PM. We are offering something new this year with a special evening open house on Friday, December 9TH from 5:30-7:30PM. The trees and rooms look a little different when it is dark outside.

The continuing storage reorganization project in the Museum basement will prevent us from using the Presidents' Room during the open house again this year. While we will not be offering refreshments to our visitors or be having the Family Crafts at the open house, we will be handing out goodie bags with take home crafts for the children. 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. Instead, we are considering the live entertainment to be more background music for visitors to listen to as they walk through the Orr Mansion and or Transportation Museum looking at the decorated rooms and exhibits.

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 2022 Christmas at the History Center! We will be making a virtual tour of the History Center decorated for the holidays for those that cannot make it to the open house.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As is customary of outgoing board presidents, I've been asked to submit a final article of reflection for the newsletter. It's given me an opportunity to think back on my two years in this role and recall the changes and challenges the LCHS faced during that time. First and foremost, though, having the privilege to serve the LCHS Board of Trustees as president has been an incredible honor. I never imagined I would have the chance to be as involved

as I have been when I first volunteered to be a docent in 2015. Getting the opportunity to work closely with Todd and seeing the efforts of the staff and volunteers has only increased my respect for our organization. We are blessed to have so many talented and dedicated people working on our mission to promote and preserve our local history!

My tenure started in January of 2020, so unfortunately one of the first things I had to deal with was the COVID-19 pandemic, and the closing of the history center. I can assure you, that's not how I wanted to start my legacy as President! But there was no avoiding it, and ultimately, I'm very proud of how we handled the pandemic restrictions because every decision we made was done with the focus on the safety and wellbeing of our staff, volunteers, and visitors. It also gave us the chance to review our processes and find ways to improve or update how we do things. We emerged from it with a better understanding of technology, and more flexibility for our staff. We made the best of it!

Thankfully, we were able to reopen a few months later, and although many of our public events and programming had to be suspended, we began working normally in many ways to continue our mission. We initiated some large renovation projects on the preservation of the Orr Mansion, specifically the front porch and portico columns, and 3RD floor dormers. And work continues on the mansion so it remains beautiful for years to come. We took on some very exciting artifact donations as well, including a West Liberty Mail Buggy, Harness-Maker horse, JoHantgen Road Cart made in Bellefontaine, Mr. & Mrs. M.C. Harrold bedroom furniture (on loan from Harrold family), and a Stinson Band organ. We'll always continue to bring in important pieces of Logan County history to share with the public!

While the pandemic may have forced us to rethink how we can engage the public, we saw it as an opportunity, and we've made great strides. We implemented an iPad registry kiosk to greet visitors so we can learn more about who visits us, when they visit, and how they heard about us. We've placed a more dedicated effort to increase our social media presence, particularly Facebook. A project that started with John McPherson and was handed off to Mary Mortimer. We saw our Facebook followers grow from 1,100 to over 5,500 in under two years! We also reimaged this very newsletter, and we've received very positive feedback about it from all of you, too.

So, when I reflect on my tenure as President, I can't help but remember the quote "With great challenge, comes great opportunity." There was little about the past two years that was "normal", but I watched this organization rise to the occasion and continue our mission throughout it all. I'm admittedly sad to eventually step back, but I'm happy to see someone else step right up and carry us on to more progress. And I look forward to serving this incredible organization for years to come in any way I can. Thank you all for this incredible opportunity.

Brian Harmon LCHS President

Upcoming Meetings

HALLOWEEN KIDFEST

October 22ND, 2021 | 1:00–3:30PM

The Logan County History Center will once again host our annual Halloween KidFest. Participants will enter through the Transportation Museum doors and trick or treat through the museum bays and then make their way up to the Logan County Museum for trick or treat through the hallways.

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 a canned goods or non-perishable food item that will be donated to a local food pantry.

Halloween KidFest is always one of our more popular events at the History Center. This year we are thrilled to announce that Richwood Bank is helping sponsor Halloween KidFest. Thanks Richwood Bank!

LOGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S MEMBERSHIP CHRISTMAS MEETING

December 7TH, 2022 | 6:00PM

For this year's Membership Christmas meeting we are again asking everyone to bring finger foods 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 2023 Board of Trustees and Officers. We will have the dinner and meeting in the Transportation Museum again this year.

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 7TH at 6:00PM.

2022 Calendar OF Events

OCTOBER

4TH DAR MEETING

6:30PM AcuSport Room

5TH RUDY CHRISTIAN PROGRAM

7:00PM Transportation Museum

8TH DAR MEETING

10:30AM AcuSport Room

10TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

11TH ATHENIAN CLUB MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

17TH–23RD MUSEUM CLOSED for KidFest Preparation

22ND HALLOWEEN KIDFEST

1:00–3:30PM History Center

24TH YOUNG HISTORIANS

6:00PM History Center

NOVEMBER

5TH CHRISTMAS TREE SET-UP

8:30AM History Center

8TH ATHENIAN CLUB MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

10TH CHRISTMAS TREE SET-UP

9:30AM Transportation Museum

10TH BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

12TH DAR MEETING

10:00AM AcuSport Room

14TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

15TH YOUNG HISTORIANS

6:00PM History Center

19TH PIECEMAKERS QUILTING CLASS

9:00AM AcuSport Room

23RD–25TH MUSEUM CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER

3RD–4TH CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

1:00–5:00PM History Center

7TH LCHS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

6:00PM History Center

9TH EVENING CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

5:30–7:30PM History Center

10TH–11TH CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

1:00–5:00PM History Center

12TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

13TH ATHENIAN CLUB MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

19TH YOUNG HISTORIANS

6:00PM History Center

23RD–1ST MUSEUM CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

June 2022

Connie Keels
Paul & Karen Moffitt
Kay Adams

August 2022

Alexis Butterworth

www.loganhistory.org/membership-information



THANK YOU *Alexis!*

We would like to thank Alexis Butterworth for her AmeriCorps/Ohio History Service Corps' year of service here at the Logan County History Center. Alexis's primary project at LCHC was the reorganization of the artifact storage area in the Museum basement. While we did not complete the project during her time here, Alexis's organization and hard work will propel us to finish the first stage of the project and provide the groundwork for us to move onto other the storage areas throughout the History Center.

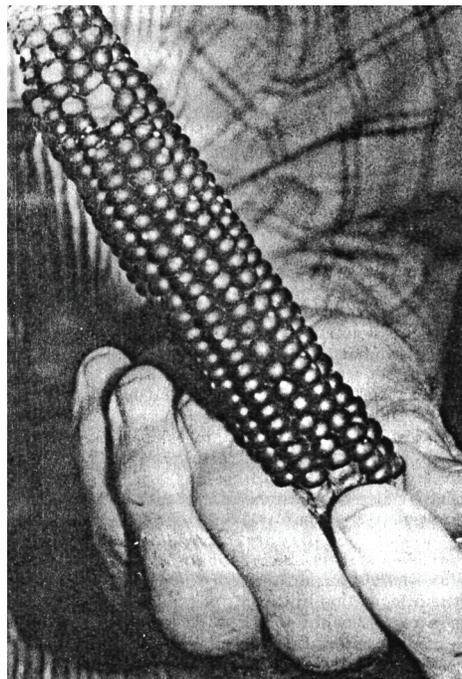
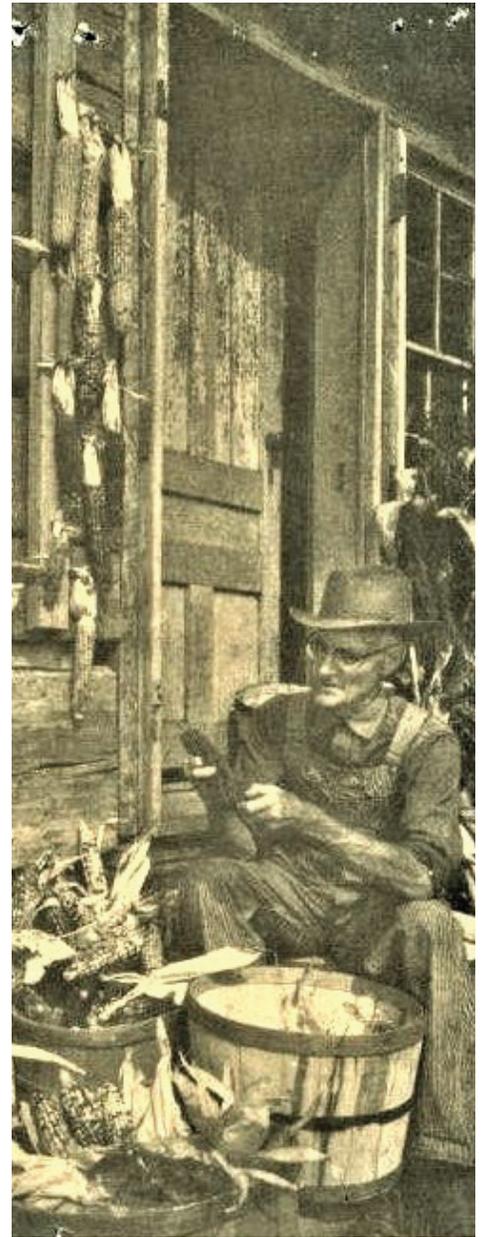
Alexis is currently serving in another AmeriCorps capacity in Virginia. We wish her luck with her new service project and all of her future endeavors. We will miss her hard work and her effervescent personality.

CORN CRAZY: NORMAN KEYSOR'S MUCHINIPPI MUSEUM

In 1959 Norman Keysor purchased an 1868 log cabin in Auglaize County and rebuilt it on his property in the northwest corner of Stokes Township. Within a year he began filling the cabin full of old farm tools and implements and other antiques and called the cabin the "Muchinippi Museum."

Keysor, who was a teacher for many years in Auglaize and Logan counties, emphasized corn in his museum. He had various types of corn featured in the museum, including an ear of corn harvested in 1793. Along with the varieties of corn the museum also displayed many corn-related tools and other farm tools. Keysor figured at one time or another he had visitors from nearly every state, as well as inquiries about corn from several other countries.

Norman Keysor operated his Muchinippi Museum for more than twenty years. He passed away in 1981. The family gave the Logan County Museum many of Mr. Keysor's farm tools, some of which are on exhibit in the Agriculture Room.





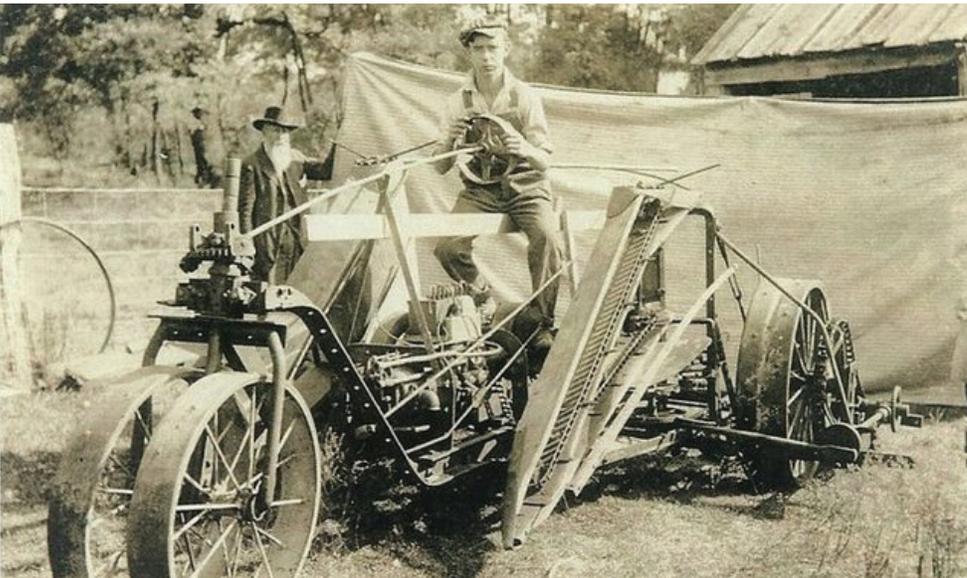
Corn husking at the farm of Emery Franklin Briggs in Bloomfield Township on November 15, 1915. Donated by Marlos and Jim John. Mr. Briggs was Mrs. John's grandfather.



Pennsylvania 3 Corn Sheller - used to remove corn from the cob. This sheller was used on the Ralph & Wilhelmien Akey farm near East Liberty. Donated by Janet Blank.



Corn Sled - a farm implement used to cut stalks of corn. The blades dropped down on both sides of this two-seater corn sled to cut the corn stalks as the sled was pulled by horse. Donated by Clem Butts.



William M. Piatt of West Liberty who lived in Castle Mac-A-Cheek, designed a variety of farm machinery and equipment including this corn harvester. Mr. Piatt also began the tradition of the Piatt Castles being a tourist and cultural attraction when he opened a portion of his home's first floor to the public for tours. Donated by Terry & Susan Conley.

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YOUNG HISTORIANS 2022-2023

The Young Historians Club is starting its twentieth year of fun and learning about Logan County history. This year's theme will be American Indian history in Logan County. We will be learning and experiencing this rich history, especially Shawnee history, by making Indian crafts, preparing, and eating authentic Shawnee food and much, much more. It should be another fun year.

Once again, the meeting dates will generally be alternating 4TH Mondays and Tuesdays of each month from 6:00-7:00PM. There will be some months that we will have to meet on different Mondays or Tuesdays due to holidays, school schedules and scheduling conflicts at the museum. The following is the tentative 2022-2023 schedule for the Young Historians, the days, times, and topics may change.

There will be a few changes in the Young Historians this year. The topics and activities will be geared for 1st graders through 6th graders. We will also have another leader helping Todd & Amy with the group. Ben Gillig, a new teacher with Bellefontaine City Schools is joining the team. If you have any questions, please call Todd at (937) 593-7557 or email at tmccormick@loganhistory.org.

SEPTEMBER 27TH 6:00-7:00PM
Introduction/Tour American Indian Room

OCTOBER 24TH 6:00-7:00PM
Shawnee Language

NOVEMBER 15TH 6:00-7:00PM
Christmas Tree Decorations. Note this is the third Tuesday due to the Thanksgiving Holidays the following week.

DECEMBER 19TH 6:00-7:00PM
Christmas party. Note this is the third Monday due to the Christmas Holiday.

JANUARY 24TH 6:00-7:00PM
Shawnee Leaders

FEBRUARY 27TH 6:00-7:00PM
Shawnee Homes

MARCH 28TH 6:00-7:00PM
Shawnee Food

APRIL 24TH 6:00-7:00PM
Shawnee Games & Sports

MAY 23RD 6:00-7:30PM
End of the School Year Party

DOCENT TRAINING SESSION

We would like to invite you to a Docent Training session for the Logan County History Center on Thursday, September 22ND at 6:30PM. We encourage anyone interested in becoming a certified docent, a group tour guide, or just want to learn more about the History Center to attend. We are also strongly encouraging current docents to come to the session. We would appreciate having you share your thoughts and experiences of being a docent during the training. As part of the training session, we will review the "nuts & bolts" of being a tour guide as well as take a tour of the Center. Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 21ST by calling the office at (937) 593-7557 or by email tmccormick@loganhistory.org.

You don't have to be an active docent to attend. Bring your family and friends. New volunteers are welcome!

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THANKFUL FOR OUR COMMUNITY!



Registration for the annual Bellefontaine Hill Climb Revival at Cork Screw Hill was held at the History Center on August 26TH. We had some of the coolest cars and a truck in our parking lot!



A special thank you to members of the United Way of Logan County who painted the wrought iron fence at the Orr Mansion on August 26TH.

Thank You

We would like to thank the many people who supported the Logan County Historical Society/History Center with monetary donations through our 2021-2022 Winter Appeal Letter (December 2021-August 2022) 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.

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