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TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM ON THE AMERICA 250-OHIO TRANSPORTATION TRAIL

The Logan County History Center's Transportation Museum has been selected for the America 250-Ohio Commission's Transportation Trail, which highlights Ohio's important role in transportation history. The museum was chosen for its railroad and automobile exhibits, as well as Logan County's continued role in the automobile industry. Court Avenue, known as the "Oldest Concrete Street", was also selected for the trail.

Last year the History Center was named to the Ohio Creativity Trail for its Mills Brothers and Stinson Organ Company exhibits, along with the Stinson organ on loan from the Stinson family. The Mills Brothers exhibit is featured under the trail's Music subtheme, while the Stinson Organ Company exhibit is included through the Carousel Art subtheme. LoCo Art's Mills Brothers mural in downtown Bellefontaine is also part of America 250-Ohio's Murals Across Ohio: Celebrating Our Communities Through Public Art initiative.

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CURATOR'S CORNER

With the Summer issue of our *History Matters* newsletter, I sometimes like to forego my usual Curator's Corner article and replace it with an interactive activity. This time I am giving you a Who Am I? trivia quiz on famous and not-so-famous Logan Countians who left indelible marks on our county's history, our country's history, and in some cases our world's history. If you do not know the answers, I invite you to come visit the History Center. I promise you can find the answers in one of the exhibits. Even if you do know the answers, we hope you will still come visit the History Center!

Thank you,

Todd McCormick
Curator/Director

TRIVIA QUIZ: WHO AM I?

1. I graduated from Bellefontaine High School while my father was minister at the First United Methodist Church. I also became a minister. I am best-known for my "Power of Positive Thinking" and being the founder of the religious magazine entitled *Guideposts*. Who am I?
2. I was a friend of Daniel Boone. I first came to what is now Logan County after I was captured by the Shawnees and forced to run several gauntlets. I eventually moved to the Zanesfield area. Who am I?
3. I designed airplane engines. One of my engines was used in the first plane to fly over the Andes Mountains. The Wright Brothers also used one of my engines in one of their planes. Who am I?
4. I was the first white doctor in Logan County. I traveled on my horse helping the white settlers and American Indians who needed medical aid. Who am I?
5. I was a lawyer, judge and politician. I helped found the Republican Party in Logan County. I served as First Comptroller of the U.S. Treasury. I played a significant role in the passing of the 14th Amendment. I wrote the brief spelling out the crimes of impeachment against President Andrew Johnson. I also helped Clara Barton in the creation of the American Red Cross. Who am I?
6. I won the Newberry Book Honor Award for my children's book *Incident at Hawk's Hill*. I was nominated for several Pulitzer Prize awards, including for *The Frontiersmen*. In all I wrote over 40 books on a variety of subjects ranging from nature to science fiction to historical narratives. Who am I?
7. We are a famous singing group. We were born in Piqua, Ohio but moved to Bellefontaine while we were still in school. We hold the record for making the most records. Some of our best-known songs include "Cab Driver" and "Paper Doll." Who are we?
8. My father was the principal chief of the Wyandotte Tribe, and my mother was a French woman. I married my father's adoptive son. The trail between Zane's Town and Blue Jacket's Town was named after me. Who am I?
9. I played quarterback for the BHS Chieftains before I became the founder of my world-renowned investment company. The company has over 15,000 branch locations all over the U.S. and Canada. Who am I?

10. I was truly a Renaissance Man. I was a surgeon during the Civil War. I wrote articles in many journals. I experimented with fruit tree grafting and other agricultural techniques. I studied law under Salmon P. Chase. But I am best-known for having the world's largest brain. I even made it in *Ripley's Believe or Not!* Who am I?
11. My family invented a liniment for horses, but it was discovered to work on humans as well. I marketed the liniment and became a millionaire. I remembered my hometown of Zanesfield when I built the village a library and left Logan County a trust that still awards money today. Who am I?
12. In 1954 I founded a financial newsletter in Washington, D.C. named after me. I also wrote several best-selling books on politics and economics. Who am I?
13. I graduated from BHS in 1882. I later became a Methodist missionary and teacher in Korea. I founded Ewha College for Women – the first college for women in Korea.
14. I graduated from BHS in 1938 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan in Geology when few women studied sciences. I helped map the oceans' floors. Who am I?
15. My family moved to Rushsylvania when I was a child. I studied journalism and became a well-known reporter. I served as editor of the *New York World Telegram & Sun* newspaper. I helped found the Scripps-Howard media company, serving as president and chairman at different times. Rushsylvania named its Athletic Field after me in 1953. Who am I?
16. I was known as the Grenadier Squaw and the "Warrior Woman." My brother was the Shawnee principal chief Hokolesqua or Cornstalk. I married Chief Moluntha. Who am I?
17. I am the only Logan County native to run for President of the United States. I ran on the Prohibition Party's ticket in 1920. I also ran as Vice-President in 1908 and 1912. Who am I?

ANSWERS

1. Norman Vincent Peale
2. Simon Kenton
3. Larence Rausenberger
4. Phebe Sharp
5. William Lawrence
6. Allan W. Eckert
7. Mills Brothers
8. Myeerah
9. Edward D. Jones
10. Dr. Edward Henry Knight
11. Dr. Earl Sloan
12. Willard Kiplinger
13. Lulu Frey
14. Marie Tharp
15. Roy W. Howard
16. Nonhelema
17. Aaron S. Watkins

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

MONTHLY \$20
GIFT CERTIFICATE
DRAWING

March
Ben Stahler

April
John Tracey

May
Sue Clem

YEARLY
\$100 WINNER
Tam Van Ness

2026

Calendar OF Events

JULY

3RD & 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY
CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

**12TH-18TH LOGAN COUNTY
FAIR BOOTH**
12:00-9:00PM MERCHANTS
BUILDING

AUGUST

**8TH PIECEMAKERS
WORKSHOP**
8:00PM Honda Atrium

10TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING
7:00PM Presidents' Room

SEPTEMBER

1ST LABOR DAY
CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

**10TH BOARD OF
TRUSTEE MEETING**
7:00PM AcuSport Room

14TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING
7:00PM Presidents' Room

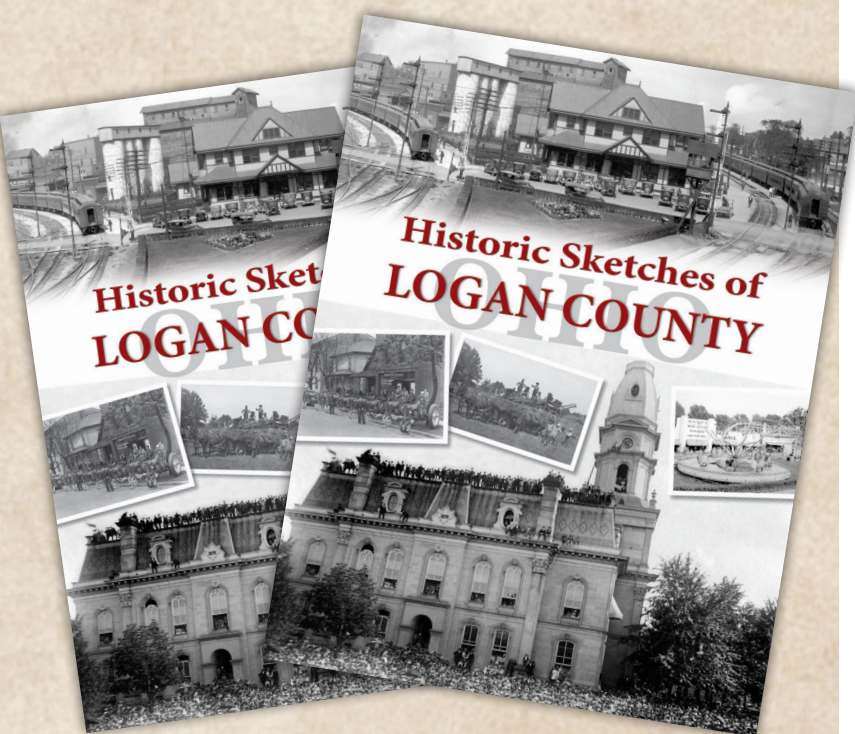
TBA DAR MEETING
AcuSport Room

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April

Bruce & Laurie Hawkins

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HISTORIC SKETCHES OF LOGAN COUNTY

Historic Sketches of Logan County, Ohio is scheduled for release this fall. The book covers a wide range of topics, including agriculture, business and industry, railroads, military, towns and villages, and outstanding citizens such as photographers, doctors, and innovators. It will also feature chapters titled "From the Archives," showcasing memorable photographs from our collection, and "The Museum Collection," highlighting significant artifacts housed at the museum. The rich history of Indian Lake will be featured in the "Recreation and Attractions" chapter, while "Fun, Funky and Fascinating" will spotlight some of the unique and interesting people, places, and things from Logan County. The book will also include a special chapter by John McPherson on Logan County legends and Lore.

Historic Sketches of Logan County, Ohio remains available at the pre-sale price of \$42.50 until publication is complete. You can order online through the M.T. Publishing Company at mtpublishing.com/product/historic-sketches-of-logan-county-oh/, or by calling 1-888-263-4702. To save on shipping costs, select "Local Pickup: Free." Books will be available for pickup at the History Center.



Sandy Beach Amusement Park

For more than half a century, Sandy Beach Amusement Park was one of Indian Lake's most popular destinations, drawing families, vacationers, and summer crowds to its lakeside rides, dance halls, hotels, and boardwalk attractions. From its beginnings as a bathing resort to its later years as the San Juan Resort and Indian Lake Playland, the park reflected the changing tastes of American recreation while leaving a lasting imprint on Logan County's resort history.



Hadley Photography Studio

C. Vance Hadley served as a photographer with the Signal Photo Platoon at Fifth Army Intelligence Headquarters during World War II. After the war, he returned to Bellefontaine and joined his father in the family photography studio. Hadley Studios remained in operation for more than 70 years, leaving behind an extensive visual record of the community. Today, the Logan County History Center Archives preserves many Hadley negatives.



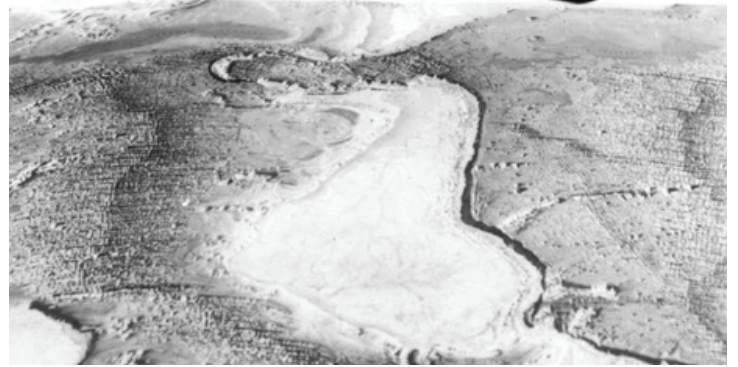
Big Four Railroad

In the 1890s, Bellefontaine became a major terminal for the Big Four Railroad, officially the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railway. The city served as a crew-change, engine-service, and repair center, along with car shops, a coal dock, communication stations, and division headquarters. Bellefontaine had the largest roundhouse between New York and St. Louis. By 1904, one in four Logan County workers were employed by the railroad.



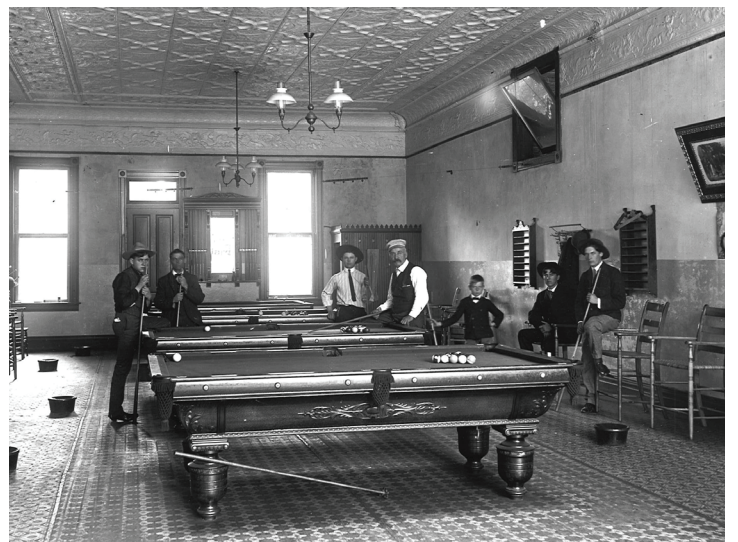
DeGraff Log Cabin

On Thanksgiving weekend, thirty-five Riverside High School students, joined by faculty members, began dismantling the former cabin of Samuel Moss in Bellefontaine so it could be relocated to the Riverside School farm. To ensure the cabin could be accurately rebuilt, each log was carefully numbered and sketched as it was removed. With assistance from area farmers and a trailer loaned by Mid-States Container Corp. of DeGraff, the logs were transported to the school farm, where a footer and concrete pad had been prepared for reconstruction.



Marie Tharp

Marie Tharp was an American geologist and oceanographic cartographer whose seafloor maps, created with Bruce Heezen, revealed the Mid-Atlantic Ridge and helped confirm plate tectonics and continental drift. Her work culminated in the iconic 1977 World Ocean Floor map. Photo courtesy of Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory and the estate of Marie Tharp.



Billiard Parlor

From the Archives, a billiard parlor in Bellefontaine. Location and date are not known.



Jackson's Newsstand

Jackson's Newsstand was owned and operated by Warren "Jack" and Josephine "Jo" Jackson for 47 years. They purchased the newsstand from Robert Notestine Sr. in 1946 who had run the business since 1939. Jackson's Newsstand sold magazines, books, greeting cards, candy and wide variety of novelty gifts.



Bellefontaine Bridge & Iron Co.

The Bellefontaine Bridge & Iron Co. was officially incorporated on May 12, 1890, and soon became a successful manufacturer. The company specialized in wrought iron, steel, and combination bridges, as well as steel-frame buildings. It remained in operation until the early 1930s. Photo courtesy of Gene Plank.

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Thank You!

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U.S. Bicentennial Flag, 46-Star Flag, Camp Wesley Rededication program

Bruce & Louise Norris

Doll collection, medicine tin

Dan W. Bratka

Law degree certificate, U.S.A.F. Reserves promotion certificate, Judge of Common Pleas Domestic Relations, Juvenile & Probation certificates

Steven J. Hansen

WWI items of James Bell, Bell family items, Sutherland family items

Jason N. Rostorfer

Quincy railroad switch panel

Kathy Harford

Lowell Arthur Baughman
U.S. Navy Honorable Discharge
Certificate (photocopy)

Alicia Wilkins

Religious books written by local writers & churches, wedding dress, veil, locally made mattress

Ethel Benham

Sharp family history, prom photos & senior class trip (1953)

Logan County Girl Scouts Troops

Girl Scout quilt

Michael Hassel

Bellefontaine Junior High yearbooks, booklet "A Bicentennial Album of Black History of Logan County 1776-1976"

Joyce Zilles

"U.S. Army in Action" booklet (1941-1942)

Village of Russells Point

Indian Lake area photographs

Art Mortimore Family

Various items from the Art Mortimore estate and Mortimore family

Herb Tamplin

Collection of physician records (1908-1945) from Dr. O. W. Loffer

Ray Stamm

Kodak Six-20 Junior Brownie camera, military books of Georgia E. Insley

Penny Shrader Estate

Collection of photographs, family, railroad, military

Sandy Lockwood

Monroe High School basketball photos of Wendell Lockwood and team (1941-1942), photo of Wendell Lockwood in military uniform

Daniel E. Gilbert Family/Estate

Surveying equipment

Bob Mattfeld

Big Bear grocery crate

Carol Bailey

1930s swimsuits worn by F. Donald Bailey at Indian Lake

Jennifer Thompson

Certificate commissioning Ellsworth M. Palmer as Sheriff of Logan County for 1945-1948 term

Paul McQueen

Railroad manuals and books

Keith Strayer

Large collection of Polk City Directories (Bellefontaine)

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