

THE LOGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

# HISTORY MATTERS

Winter Issue 2016

Making *History* Come Alive!

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## **SALUTE TO SAFETY SERVICES OPEN HOUSE MAY 1, 2016**

The Logan County History Center will host a Salute to Safety Services on Sunday, May 1, 2016 from 1:00-4:00. The open house will feature several new Safety Services exhibits throughout the History Center and we are planning on having numerous historic fire trucks and equipment from area villages on the premises the day of the open house. More information will be in the next History Matters.



# LCHC

## LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

**Logan County History Center  
Includes:**

The Orr Mansion

The Logan County Museum

The Transportation Museum

Logan County Historical Society

AcuSport Meeting Room

Presidents' Meeting Room

### **HISTORY CENTER HOURS**

Wednesday through Sunday

1:00-4:00 p.m.

ADMISSION BY DONATION

## **CURATOR/DIRECTOR**

**K. Todd McCormick**

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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G. Bruce Norris	Trustee (2018)
Brian Harmon	Trustee (2018)
Jim DeLong	Trustee (2018)

### **SOCIETY'S OFFICE HOURS**

Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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Bellefontaine, OH 43311-2401  
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## **CURATOR'S CORNER**



Todd McCormick

This is a very difficult Curator's Corner for me to write. As I'm sure most of you know David Wagner died on October 18th. As I'm also sure most of you know David was a major presence here at the Logan County History Center. He was also a major presence in my life.

David made an early impression on me when I took my job as curator/director. He told me he would introduce me to Allan Eckert. It came out in my interview of my interest (some say obsession) with Tecumseh, which came

from seeing Eckert's outdoor drama Tecumseh! for the first of many, many times when I was five years old and reading and rereading his *The Frontiersmen* and *A Sorrow in Our Heart*. David fulfilled that promise taking me to meet Allan Eckert at his house and then arranging to have him to do a couple book signings for the Historical Society and a talk at Bellefontaine High School.

David never ceased to amaze me with stories from his life that he would tell almost in passing and never in a boastful way. One time it was donating some items from 1964 Tokyo Olympics for our Salute to the Fifties & Sixties exhibit that he happened to have since he served as an interpreter at those Olympic Games. A little fact he had never mentioned to me before. Or maybe a story he told from his days in the Air Force (once the information was declassified and could talk about) when he did a program for us. He was definitely a very interesting man.

David truly loved the Logan County History Center. I remember very fondly working on the Indian Room years ago with him and Mike Brinkman. It turned out to be an excellent exhibit. Mike and David were major reasons for its effectiveness. Mike's re-creations, like the atlatl hanging on the wall, make it much easier for visitors to understand what they are looking at. As does David's wonderful map of Logan County showing where the Indian villages were. It is such a great teaching tool, especially when we are giving school tours and kids can see that their hometown was once the hometown of Tarhe or Moluntha or Blue Jacket. It is hard to believe that we lost both David and Mike within a few months of one another.

Of course the Transportation Museum was David's pride & joy. He was here nearly every day during the construction to oversee its progress. His enthusiasm for the project helped all of us get through an exciting albeit stressful time. Just as with much of the History Center, David's imprints are throughout the Transportation Museum from the depot benches he helped Ray Stamm build to the schedule board he filled out by hand to the Atrium's 15' Christmas tree with decorations David literally bought all over the country.

With David's passing we lost a vital board member, a dedicated volunteer and a wonderful person. From a personal level I lost an advisor and a great friend. Fortunately for all of us, David's spirit and contributions will always be felt and seen as we walk through the Logan County History Center.

## **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**



### **Monthly \$20 Gift Certificate Drawing**

**October Winner: Jim DeLong**

**November Winner: Bob Notestine**

**December Winner: Pat Allen**



2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

00		NO Building Committee Meeting	
4	Mon	Office Re-Opens after holidays	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
6	Wed	Museum Re-Opens	1:00-4:00 p.m.
14	Thu	Trustee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
26	Tue	Young Historians Meeting	6:00-7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

00		NO Society Meeting	
7	Sat	Building Committee Meeting	8:30 a.m.
22	Mon	Young Historians Meeting	6:00-7:00 p.m.

MARCH

5	Sat	Building Committee Meeting	8:30 a.m.
10	Thu	Trustee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
22	Tue	Young Historians Meeting	6:00-7:00 p.m.

APRIL

2	Sat	Building Committee Meeting	8:30 a.m.
25	Mon	Young Historians Meeting	6:00-7:00 p.m.

MAY

1	Sun	Salute to Safety Services Open House	1:00-4:00 p.m.
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# WELCOME

## NEW MEMBERS

September 2015 - December 2015

### BELLEFONTAINE

Dale Sargent  
James & Patricia Sebring  
Michael & Cassie Hassel  
Tim Lyden  
Randall & Theresa Marker  
Terry Reeder  
Stuart Root  
Robert & Lois Stoll

### EAST LIBERTY

Kenneth Peter

### HUNTSVILLE

J. Scott Duff  
Jason Duff

### LAKEVIEW

Ralph & Roseann Robb

### RAYMOND

New Day Farms, LLC

### RUSSELLS POINT

Barbara Fuson  
Steve Vagnier

### WEST LIBERTY

Green Hills Community  
The Peoples Savings & Loan  
Gloria Daines  
Chris & Becky Moell  
Ron & Bobbie Gratz

### WEST MANSFIELD

Betty Thornton & Ron Johnson  
Andy & Kathy Huey  
Carol Culp  
Elsie Skidmore  
Dwight Skidmore

## LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

It is never too early to plan ahead and to consider your gift to the Logan County History Center. Whether you think of yourself as rich or poor, or anywhere in between, your gift can make a difference. Even a small amount can have a big impact over time.

Consider a planned gift for the Logan County History Center if you want to:

- Celebrate Logan County's heritage
- Provide ongoing support after your lifetime
- Reduce your estate taxes
- Feel positive about the impact you have on your community's history

Planned gifts come in all shapes and sizes. Some of the most common legacy options include a bequest in your will or trust, gifts of securities such as stocks, and gifts through life insurance, IRA designation or charitable remainder trusts. You can leave money to your family and to your favorite charity. You do not have to choose between one or the other. You can do both, plus charitable gifts may actually save your family money by decreasing inheritance taxes.

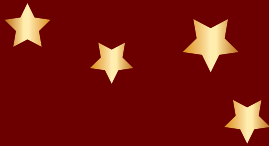
If you would like to preserve part of your life forever by sharing with the entire community, please consider donating. If you have any questions please contact Todd at (937) 593-7557 or email at [tmccormick@loganhistory.org](mailto:tmccormick@loganhistory.org).

## MEETING NOTICE

There will not be a LCHS membership meeting in February. We have discovered over the years that February's weather is too unpredictable and too many times have had to cancel our meetings. So several years ago we decided it was best to skip February and meet again in April. More information for the April 20th membership meeting will appear in the next History Matters.

## David Wagner Memorial Contributions

The Logan County History Center was one of the organizations that was listed to send memorial donations in memory of David Wagner. The LCHS board voted to have the money we receive in David's memory go towards a new History Center sign in the front of the Orr Mansion. This is a project that we have talked about for several years and a project that desperately needs to be done. It was also a project high on David's priority list.



The 2015 Christmas at the History Center was once again a great event. Although the weather felt more like spring than winter the holiday spirit filled LCHC with nearly fifty trees decorated throughout the History Center and great crowds all four days. We would like to thank all of the businesses and organizations who decorated the "Grownup" trees and all of the school groups, scout groups and other organizations who decorated the "Kids" trees. It seems like each year the decorations are getting more and more creative. We also want to thank the businesses and organizations who decorated the 1st floor of the Orr Mansion. They helped the mansion look even more beautiful than usual.

We also want to thank all of the musicians who performed. Their music and talents really add a lot to the open house. Christmas at the History Center could never happen without the dedication, time and talents of our Christmas Committee volunteers. They help put up all of the trees, including the 15' tree in the Atrium, decorate the complex inside and out, and always do a great job decorating the 2nd & 3rd floors of the Orr Mansion's – this year with the theme of "Christmas Memories."

We also thank all of the people who donated cookies for the event and all of the volunteers who greeted visitors when they came in, served as docents, and helped with the children's crafts. We do appreciate your dedication and service to the History Center.

**Favorite Grownups' Tree –**

Logan County Genealogical Society

**Favorite Kids' Tree –**

Benjamin Logan Kindergarten Classes

**Favorite 1st Floor Mansion Room –**

Mae Allen & Paula Dappert  
(Dining Room)

*We tried to list everyone that helped, but if we missed you, please accept our apology and let us know! We will include you in the next newsletter!*







# Christmas at the History Center



## Adult Trees:

(\*\*Denotes Category Winners)

Logan County WIC  
Shawnee Springs Sr. Housing  
The Studio, Citizens Federal S&L  
Experience Works

## **\*\* Logan County Genealogical Society**

Art League, Holland Theatre  
Top of Ohio Patriots, DAR  
BHS DECA  
WL Garden Club  
Junior Fair Board

## Kids Trees:

### **\*\* Ben Logan Kindergarten**

Ben Logan 1 grades  
Ben Logan 2 grades  
Hilliker YMCA Safe Haven  
American Heritage Girls  
Ben Logan 3 grades  
Lo Co Art Middle School Students  
Ben Logan 4 grades  
Logan County 4H Shooting Sports  
Logan County Girl Scouts  
Young Historians

### 1st Floor Mansion Rooms

Logan County Libraries  
**\*\*Mae Allen & Paula Dappert**  
Bellefontaine 1st United  
Presbyterian Church  
Logan County Genealogical Society  
Logan County Piecemakers  
What A Stitch, Quilting Service

## Musical Entertainment

The Bellefontaine High School  
Jazz Band  
LeFons Show Choir  
Riverside Dulcimers  
Popular Demand Barbershop Quartet  
Serenity Strings Harp  
Home Strings Dulcimer Club  
Nick Pelfrey & Larry Walker,  
Sax Duets  
Mad River Dulcimers  
Notes of Grace, Grace Chapel,  
Santa Fe

## Paula Deardurff's

### Piano Students:

Blaine Mitchell  
Laney Mitchell  
Hannah Marlow  
Savannah Sheeley  
Derek Markley  
Maria Stolly  
Ally Barker  
Leah Cole  
Kelley Forsythe  
T.J. Forsythe  
Mikayla Stepp  
Charlotte Graham  
Ava Graham  
Palmer Neeld  
Perri Neeld  
Mackenzie Swartz  
Anthony Zamora  
Emma Verbsky  
Ollie Moreland  
Sam Moreland  
Anna Kratz

## Shirley McPherson's

### Piano Students-

Winnie Bodin  
Julia Easton  
Caroline Frieders  
Jamie Gill  
Owen Holycross  
Tommy Jones  
Rece Kimmel  
Rachel Kimmel  
Caleb King  
Grace King  
Ava Klingler  
Gillian Knight  
Samuel Knight  
Alexis Lones  
Tori Lones  
Meadow McCullough  
Crew McPherson  
Grant McPherson  
Lane McPherson  
Page Mefford  
Katie Meier  
Nolan Rivers  
Holly Seeley  
Luke Seeley

Carly Strayer  
Ella Wagner  
Emery Wagner  
Evie Wagner

## History Center Decorators

### Christmas & Building Committees:

Pat Allen  
Pam Ark  
Terry Conley  
Don Corwin  
Linda Cox  
Jim DeLong  
Elaine DeMarsh  
Pat Dorsey  
Dwight Hansen  
Jean Leininger  
Betty Lloyd  
Dawn Malloy  
John Marshall  
Ryan McCormick  
Breck McCracken  
Pat Ortili  
Dick Ortili  
Charlie Patrick  
Karen Prater  
Ron Ricketts  
Sally Stephan  
Pat Swanson  
Diana Wackerman  
George Wackerman  
Kit Wehe

## Open House Workers

(those not included in Committee list):

Bill McCormick  
Bob Notestine  
Dorothy Notestine  
Brian Harmon  
Tim McPherson  
Tam VanNess  
Jim VanNess  
Louise Norris  
Bruce Norris  
Brian Baker  
Charlene Baker  
John Tucci  
Kathy Dixon

Peggy Barlup  
Sally Stephan  
Ted Kneisley  
Dan Bratka  
Terri Schneider  
Mary Mortimer  
Karen Beasley  
Rick Nelson  
Linda Phelps  
Nancy Ledley  
Keitha Dugan  
Nancy Harmon  
Dick Harmon  
Bonnie Hansen

## Cookie Donors:

Valerie Kauffman  
Nancy Magnuson  
Karen Montgomery  
Mary Ann Knecht  
Peggy Thompson  
Peggy Dishop  
Mary Ann Patterson  
Shawndel Wilson  
Diane Wackerman  
Louise Norris  
Sandra Fay  
Bonnie Hansen  
Roz Miller  
Julie Kennedy  
Beth Marshall  
Deb Allison  
Cindy Beach  
Connie Smith  
Mary Mortimer  
Pat Ortili



The Young Historians met on October 26th for their first meeting of the school year. The group started its study of immigration in Logan County history by talking a little about their own family histories and making their own family shield or coat of arms. The November and December meetings stepped aside from immigration with the members making ornaments for the Young Historians' tree for the Christmas open house at the November meeting and then having the group's annual Christmas party in December.

The Young Historians will go back to talking about immigration into Logan County at the next several meetings. This will include hearing stories about people emigrating from Europe to the United States, as well as looking at people moving from the eastern United States to the Logan County area in the early to mid-1800s.

The Young Historians remaining meeting dates are:

- January 26th (Tue.) 6:00-7:00  
Early Settlement in Logan County
- February 22nd (Mon.) 6:00-7:00  
European Immigration
- March 22nd (Tue.) 6:00-7:00 – Games
- April 25th (Mon.) 6:00-7:00 – Food
- May 24th (Tue.) 5:30-7:00  
End of the School Year Party

## LCHS BOARD ELECTION

The Logan County Historical Society membership elected four new people to the Board of Trustees, as well as re-electing several officers at the December 9th Society meeting. G. Bruce Norris, Brian Harmon and Jim DeLong were elected as trustees for the 2016-2018 term. Dan Bratka (President), Brian Baker (Vice-President), William McCormick (Treasurer) and Mary Mortimer (Assistant Treasurer) were all re-elected for one year terms while Bonnie Hansen was elected as Recording Secretary (previously served as Corresponding Secretary) and Pat Ortlí was elected as Corresponding Secretary. Both positions are one year terms.

We would like to thank Charlie Patrick, Brandon Standley and Kim Kress for their service as trustees on the board. We appreciate the time and effort they gave to the Logan County Historical Society throughout their time on the board. Of course we also thank David Wagner who served as Recording Secretary for the last couple of years.



The Logan County Historical Society cannot function without the support of our wonderful volunteers who worked more than 3500 hours in 2015!

Some of our volunteers work as docents for our regular open hours or guides for kids' tours, adult tours, open houses, and special programs, as helpers in archives, photo archives, as trustees or officers on the board, cookie bakers and many other capacities. We always need more volunteers! If you would like to join us as a volunteer, please call Todd or Toni at 593-7557 and let us know what your interest is. We would love to include you in this list next year!

Listed are all Center volunteers who completed our Volunteer Hours forms. If you are not listed, be sure to fill one out next year so we can acknowledge your contribution!

274.0	Elaine DeMarsh	74.0	Dick Ortlí	36.0	Bob Mitchell	20.0	Mary Mortimer	13.0	Linda Phelps
228.0	Dwight Hansen	72.0	Jean Leininger	34.0	George Wackerman	20.0	Nikki Smith	12.0	Keitha Dugan
168.0	Charlie Patrick	65.0	Pat Ortlí	33.0	Bailey Beach	20.0	Brandon Standley	12.0	Marlyn Kelly
135.0	Judy Snyder	63.0	Ron Ricketts	30.0	Dee Dee Ricketts	20.0	John Tucci	10.0	Cindy Beach
132.0	Jim DeLong	62.0	Jim VanNess	29.0	Dorothy Notestine	20.0	Kit Wehe	10.0	Dick Harmon
124.0	Bruce Norris	60.0	Sherry Arnett	29.0	Bob Notestine	20.0	Mike Yoder	10.0	Dawn Malloy
111.0	Rick Nelson	50.0	Terry Conley	26.0	Louise Norris	18.0	Vert Molitor	10.0	Ryan McCormick
100.0	Pat Swanson	50.0	Don Corwin	25.0	Nancy Ledley	15.0	Margie Bixler	10.0	Mary Ann Patterson
96.0	Bonnie Hansen	50.0	Ted Kneisley	25.0	Breck McCracken	15.0	Kathy Dixon	10.0	Terri Schneider
90.0	Brian Baker	50.0	Ray Stamm	24.0	Jody Nolin	15.0	Deb Ellis	9.0	Chuck Beatty
89.0	Tim McPherson	48.0	Janet Blank	21.0	Marty Marine	15.0	Jerry Pennell	6.0	Jim King
80.0	Bill McCormick	38.0	Pat Dorsey	21.0	Ray Swisher	15.0	Alan Stinson	4.0	Marilyn Guthrie
76.0	Sally Stephan	38.0	Brian Harmon	20.0	Pam Ark	15.0	Gale Stinson		
75.0	Karen Beasley	38.0	Tam VanNess	20.0	Dan Bratka	15.0	Russ Strayer		
75.0	David Wagner	37.0	Diana Wackerman	20.0	Nancy Harmon	14.0	Robin Butler		
74.0	Pat Allen	36.0	Bob Easterday	20.0	Kim Kress	13.0	John Marshall		

**Total Hours 3577.0**



# September 2015



# December 2015

## Bruce & Louise Norris

WWII V-Mail letter, Roby's Garage license plate bracket

## Ruth Fawcett Estate

New York Central papers, local business ephemera, Dazey Butter Churn, Rushsylvania School booklet, Logan County Directory 1916-1921, 1947 Rushsylvania High School Yearbook, Abe Martin book, Roger Cloud political ephemera, etc.

## Don & Susan Corwin

Holland Theatre program

## Phillip Hoffman

Baptismal certificate, high school grade card and diploma of Cora Elizabeth Kneisley of Quincy

## David Keller

Historic photographs

## Grace Stein Norman Wilcox Estate

Singer Sewing Machine & handmade sewing table/stand

## Eichholtz, Daring & Sanford Funeral Homes

Military papers of Ned Riley

## Lora Stevens

Book "Bellefontaine, Ohio 1901"

## Nancy Harmon

Logan County Fair ribbon, Harrison Grange items

## Peggy Barlup

4-H Dairy Farm booklets

## Holly & Ralph Ruggles

1922 Weber grand player piano

## Elaine DeMarsh

Jewelry, historical booklets, crock pot

## Jim & Louise Gordon

Emerson Phonoradio

## Mr. & Mrs. James Sebring

Don's Hamburger Shop menu board

## Donald Shafer

Book "Bellefontaine, Ohio 1901"

## Richard Knowlton

Painting of McColly Covered Bridge by J.D. Prouty (Bellefontaine) and Pen & Ink drawing by Prouty

## Joanne Strayer Dunkel

Book "Valley of Baca" by Jennie Smith (West Liberty)

## Lloyd Corwin

Commodore 64 Computer, Windows/286 Version 2.10 User's Guide and Floppy Disks

## Ray Stamm

Kodak film containers, ca. 1950s, horseshoe gun rack (made by donor)

## Howard "Bud" & Jenean Jackson

WWI U.S. Army Medic uniform coat of Dr. William Jackson of Gretna

## Dick Berry

Railroad Packing tool

## Michael Fittro

Collection of 45 records from 1930s-1950s

## Terry Riley Sr.

Political postcard for Howard A. Traul, mini-crowbar from Milligan's

## Carmine Todd

Bellefontaine souvenir glass

## Donna Smith

"Aunt Ollie's" scrapbooks

## Kris Green

Nativity Set

## Richard & Jeanne Vicario

1912 Bellefontaine Bond, BFD photo, Kin Hubbard cartoon, et al.

## Doris Hager

Baby bottle sterilizer

## Nyla Vernon

Clothing, bottles

## Terry Casperson

New York Central Lines sign

## Rosilynn Miller

"Great Leaders of Our Time" cassette tapes/political memorabilia of FDR, Eisenhower, Truman & JFK

## Alice Strawser

Newspaper articles about 1945 airplane crash near Rushsylvania

## Dr. Joe & Mrs. Kathy Shiveley

BHS Class of 1962 50th Class Reunion DVD, including interviews with several retired BHS teachers

## Barbara Bickham

G.I. Joe, Wizard of Oz puppets and other toys & games

## Thomas E. Wolfe

History of the Moore Family

## LOGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES YOU!

ALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST!

NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

### DUES:

Family - \$30  
Business - \$50

Senior & Student - \$15  
Individual - \$20  
Individual Lifetime - \$300

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### I can help with (check as many as apply):

\_\_\_\_ Adult Tours docent

\_\_\_\_ Student Tours docent

\_\_\_\_ Reg. Open Hours tours docent

\_\_\_\_ Young Historians Club assistant

\_\_\_\_ Open House docent/volunteer

\_\_\_\_ Fair Booth

\_\_\_\_ Halloween KidFest

\_\_\_\_ Christmas decorating of museum

\_\_\_\_ Christmas Open House docent/volunteer

\_\_\_\_ Building Committee volunteer

\_\_\_\_ Gift Shop Committee volunteer

\_\_\_\_ Programs Committee volunteer

\_\_\_\_ Newsletter Committee volunteer

\_\_\_\_ Docent Committee volunteer

\_\_\_\_ Photography volunteer

\_\_\_\_ Fundraising Committee volunteer

\_\_\_\_ Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

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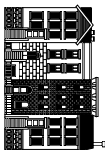
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