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*Historical Society Presentation*

**AUGUST 21, 2024 | 6:30PM | TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM**

The Logan County History Center welcomes back local archaeologist, Greg Shipley for another fascinating and educational program, "Investigating Prehistoric Sites in the Upper Mad River Drainage".

For at least 12,000 years, humans have inhabited the region that is now known as west-central Ohio. Champaign and Logan Counties possess a tremendous number of sites where prehistoric people had established camps and lived their lives. In 1961, Greg Shipley, at age six, found his first prehistoric arrowhead and that discovery ignited an interest for locating ancient sites and recovering associated relics. For more than sixty years, Mr. Shipley has continued with these activities.

This PowerPoint presentation will discuss the variety of cultural materials that have been found by Mr. Shipley, and others, which confirm periods of human presences connected to Paleo, Archaic, Woodland, and Ft Ancient cultural periods in the Mad River and Great Miami River drainages.

Along with discussing areas where ancient sites have been identified, recovered artifacts such as flint projectiles, ground stone tools, slate and hardstone ornaments, and fired-clay pottery vessels will be discussed.

Also, two significant Mac-O-Chee valley sites, early Archaic and Ft Ancient related, will be discussed, as will be the Indian Lake area's Duff site, where a Glacial Kame culture burial ground was located during a sand removal project, and salvage excavated during July 1984.



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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 have several Logan County trivia questions for you to answer. 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!

*Todd McCormick*

Curator/Director

1. Campbell Hill, located on SR 540 just east of Bellefontaine, is the highest point in Ohio. What is its elevation?
  - a. 1349'
  - b. 1549'
  - c. 1759'
2. What year did the Holland Theatre open?
  - a. 1919
  - b. 1924
  - c. 1931
3. What was the name of the original amusement park at Indian Lake?
  - a. Sandy Beach
  - b. Indian Lake Playland
  - c. San Juan
4. Name the four brothers who made up the original Mills Brothers singing group?
  - a. John, Herbert, Harry & Donald
  - b. Abraham, Martin, John & Bobby
  - c. Paul, John, George & Ringo
5. What baseball Hall of Famer manager once taught and coached at Washington Local School in Lewistown?
  - a. Sparky Anderson
  - b. Leo Durocher
  - c. Walter Alston
6. What year did production begin in the East Liberty Honda Automobile plant?
  - a. 1985
  - b. 1989
  - c. 1993
7. Who invented the formula for the concrete used to pave Court Avenue in Bellefontaine, which holds the significance of being the oldest concrete street in America?
  - a. George Bartholomew
  - b. James Portland
  - c. Robert Marl
8. What was the name of the reservoir (now Indian Lake) built in Logan County to supply water to the Miami-Erie Canal?
  - a. Logan Reservoir
  - b. Blue Jacket Reservoir
  - c. Lewistown Reservoir
9. What DeGraff native lost the Ohio gubernatorial election in 1970?
  - a. Larence Rausenberger
  - b. George Lincoln
  - c. Roger Cloud
10. What national humanitarian organization did Logan County native Judge William Lawrence play a major role in its founding?
  - a. The United Way
  - b. The American Red Cross
  - c. The Peace Corps
11. During which war were the Manary, Vance, Curry and other blockhouses built in Logan County?
  - a. Revolutionary War
  - b. War of 1812
  - c. Civil War
12. What was the name of the Drum & Bugle Corps in Logan County that won its first state title in 1953 and placed 6th nationally in 1954?
  - a. Ohio High Pointers
  - b. Logan's Raiders
  - c. Satan's Angels

See page 6 for answers.

# Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

June 2024

Ronnie L. Davis &  
Christal L. Gray-Davis

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## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

MONTHLY \$20 GIFT  
CERTIFICATE DRAWING

*April*

Dee Dee Ricketts

*May*

Mark Curtis

# 2024

## Calendar OF Events

### JULY

4<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY

7<sup>TH</sup>–13<sup>TH</sup> LOGAN COUNTY  
FAIR BOOTH - MERCHANT'S  
BUILDING

8<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS MEETING  
7:00PM Presidents' Room

11<sup>TH</sup> BOARD OF  
TRUSTEE MEETING  
7:00PM AcuSport Room

### AUGUST

10<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS WORKSHOP  
8:00AM Honda Atrium

12<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS MEETING  
7:00PM Presidents' Room

21<sup>ST</sup> GREG SHIPLEY PROGRAM  
6:30PM Honda Atrium

### SEPTEMBER

2<sup>ND</sup> LABOR DAY

9<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS MEETING  
7:00PM Presidents' Room

10<sup>TH</sup> ATHENIAN CLUB MEETING  
2:00PM Presidents' Room

12<sup>TH</sup> BOARD OF TRUSTEE  
MEETING  
7:00PM AcuSport Room

DAR MEETING (TBA)  
AcuSport Room

### OCTOBER

8<sup>TH</sup> ATHENIAN CLUB MEETING  
2:00PM Presidents' Room

12<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS WORKSHOP  
8:00AM Honda Atrium

14<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS MEETING  
7:00PM Presidents' Room

DAR MEETING (TBA)  
AcuSport Room

HALLOWEEN KIDFEST (TBA)  
History Center

## A Special Thank You

We had over 500 students visit the History Center on school field trips in the month of May.

This spring we had students from a local Amish School, West Liberty-Salem, Benjamin Logan, Triad, Indian Lake, and Bellefontaine tour the History Center with Indian Lake and Bellefontaine also participating in our Logan County Landmark 3rd Grade Bus Trip where we take them to various historical landmarks throughout the county.

Our work with local schools, especially third grade classrooms where we can help supplement their study of local history, is one of our most important outreach programs.

We can never do these field trips without our dedicated volunteer tour guides. We want to thank the following who helped with the field trips, many of them volunteering for multiple field trips: Jim King, Jeanne Jenkins, Sara Bratka, Chloe Simmons, Ben Stahler, Nancy McGuire, Jill Hill, Marlyn Springs, Karen Tracey, Tanner Wical, Mark Curtis, Louise Norris, Bruce Norris, Lois Stoll, and Doug Chamberlain. A special thank you to Beth Marshall for filling in when needed on the tours and to Mary Mortimer for scheduling all the guides for the field trips.

We would also like to thank our partner organizations who helped with the Landmark bus trips and the

Bellefontaine Downtown Walking Tour: Indian Lake Area Historical Society, Piatt Castle Mac-A-Cheek, Zane Cabin Committee, Holland Theatre, Logan County Courthouse, and the Bellefontaine Mayor's Office/City of Bellefontaine. Also, a thank you to Beth Marshall for being one of the bus guides for the Landmark Tours and to our intern Chloe Simmons for helping as well.

In addition to our school field trips, we also had several groups from senior living facilities come for tours. We would like to thank Art Mortimore, Pat Ortl, and Chloe Simmons for helping with these tours.

## THE LOGAN COUNTY FAIR

The first fair in Logan County took place in 1849 when a group of Logan Countians decided to bring together their products in hopes of improving the county's stock, agriculture, and other industries. The meager domestic displays were shown in the old courthouse and consisted of a few quilts and homemade articles. The sheep and cattle were exhibited in an open area on Main St.

The Logan County Agricultural Society was founded in October 1850 following a meeting of prominent businessmen and farmers. Their first fair was held October 29th and 30th in "Newell's Woods" near the site of the present-day St. Patrick's Church. The farmers of the county came together to make an exhibit of their stock and produce and for a general social time. There were no enclosures

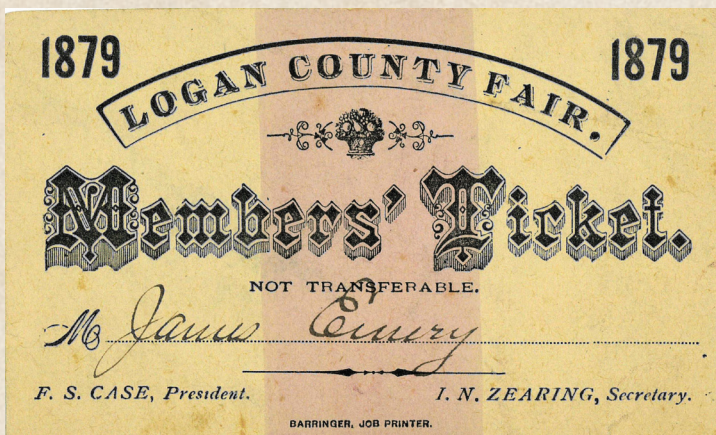
or entrance fee, and because of the wet, chilly weather, exhibits were set up in the Court House. One basket of grapes and two samples of apples were among the fruit shown. James Elliott received first premium on one acre of corn yielding 100 bushels. Matthew Anderson received first premium on ¼ acre of potatoes, which grew 73 ½ bushels.

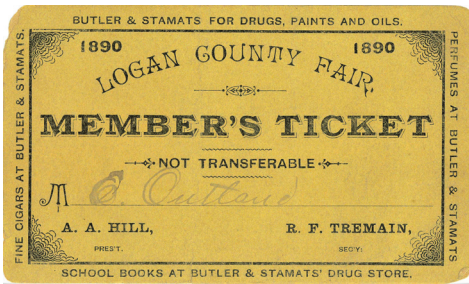
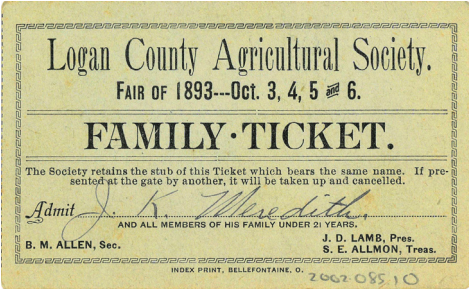
In 1852, seven acres of land approximately a half-mile east of downtown was purchased by the Logan County Agriculture Society and buildings were erected for exhibitors. By 1859, the annual fair income had gone from \$300 to \$1,100. In 1860, 25 acres of land were purchased at the current fairgrounds site, and later 12 additional acres were added. The Bellefontaine Republican newspaper reported in September 1900, that hundreds of stalls and pens had been built. "There are other large and commodious

buildings, The Dining Hall, Floral Pavilion, Art Hall, Merchant's Exhibit, Poultry Building, and a magnificent Amphitheatre that has a seating capacity of 2,000. The track is one of the best in the country; the homestretch is nearly 100 feet wide."

In August 1904, W.R. Niven, Treasurer of the Logan County Fair Board, announced that gate receipts were \$50 more than the year before and receipts for the Amphitheatre were \$100 more than the previous year. It was estimated that 20,000 people attended the fair each day.

For over 170 years, The Logan County Fair has continued to be a favorite community event where agricultural products, livestock, handmade and home cooked items etc. are shared by merchants, clubs, and individuals. The fair has also been a time for socializing, competition, and enjoyment.





## A SALUTE TO VETERANS OPEN HOUSE PREPARATION

BY CHLOE SIMMONS

Over the years' service people and their families have donated and loaned uniforms, accessories, and weapons to the museum. While the museum has a permanent exhibit honoring the people who have served or are serving the country, the museum will be showcasing a new exhibit in the spring: "A Salute to Veterans". This exhibit aims to display various uniforms and artifacts, while telling the story of the serviceperson who wore and owned them.

The museum has various uniforms from the following conflicts: Civil War (1861-1865), Spanish American War (1898), World War I (1914-1918), World War II (1939-1945), Cold War, including 664th uniforms (1945-1991), Korean War (1950-1953), Vietnam War (1954-1975), and the War on Terror (2001-2021). Beth Marshall, the museum's Archivist and Assistant Curator, and I have organized, researched, and documented uniforms from the museum's textile storage. The purpose of this project is to ensure every uniform is accounted for, in good condition, and stored appropriately. Furthermore, to allow for easy access to the uniforms in the future, Beth and I have created a Microsoft Excel Sheet, denoting the serviceperson's accession number (a number given for cataloging purposes) name, donor, branch, era and conflict served, items, where it is stored in textile storage, and extra information. Extra information, or notes in the excel sheet could include, years served, missions, rank, medal and patch information, and condition of uniforms. This project was started in February of 2024 and ended in June of 2024, overseeing one hundred and eleven servicepeople's uniforms.

Many of these uniforms will be on exhibit April 6th, 2025, for the "Salute to Veterans" open house and will remain on exhibit for the rest of the year.

### LOGAN COUNTY TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1) b. 1549'
- 2) c. 1931
- 3) a. Sandy Beach
- 4) a. John, Herbert, Harry & Donald
- 5) c. Walter Alston
- 6) b. 1989
- 7) a. George Bartholomew
- 8) c. Lewistown Reservoir
- 9) c. Roger Cloud
- 10) b. The American Red Cross
- 11) b. War of 1812
- 12) c. Satan's Angels



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Thank You!

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Old baseball mitt

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Cut glass platter & punch bowl

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Calendars and advertisements from local businesses, 1911 Rand McNally Atlas

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Postcard of the Belle Center Post Office, 1913. (Donor found postcard in a market in the Netherlands)

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Nurse's medical bag, various instruments used by LCHD for Inspections

**Marie's Candies**

Cake/Dessert decorating syringe and tips used at Marie's Candies

**Norma Fahle Smith Estate**

1952 BHS Class composite photo

**Bob Holderman**

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Various artifacts on loan for Salute to Indian Lake exhibits

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