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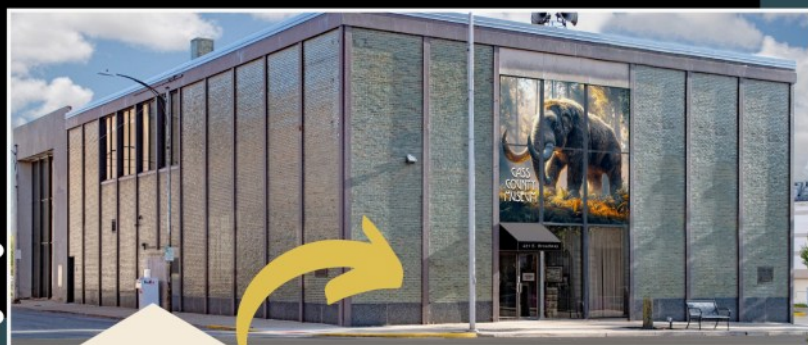
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Annual Campaign 2025

The mission of the Cass County Historical Society is to
collect, preserve and share Cass County Indiana history.

Museum Hours:

Long Home Museum

1004 E. Market, Logansport
1 - 4 PM Thursday - Friday &
First Saturday of the Month
\$5 Adult Admission

Cass County Museum

Castaldi Family History Center
421 E. Broadway, Logansport
10 AM - 4 PM
Tuesday - Thursday

*Both Museums are Closed in
January for Cleaning & Exhibit
Maintenance*

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year! (a little late!)

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and is surviving the winter weather so far! During the break and January closure of our museums we have been hard at work, making further progress on moving and organizing the collection items to their respective museum homes. Christmas décor was taken down and the museums were cleaned.

Thanks to the assistance of CCHS volunteer Lloyd Knight we have nearly 500 artifact records digitally documented (at least an initial record) in our Past Perfect software. Many of the items recorded so far are railroad history items that, with assistance from railroad historian Craig Berndt of Fort Wayne, our Collections Committee are working to assess and learn about so we can get a new railroad history exhibit created and back on.

We have hired Atlas Building Services to complete needed repairs on the Long Home Museum roof this year, and we will continue to work to restore that location.

We are still seeking new volunteers and would love to share what we do with anyone who has time and interest in serving. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us over the break. It may be slow, but we are making progress and hope to see you at the museums soon!

Heather Fouts
CCHS Executive Director

Long Home Museum
is temporarily closed due to a plumbing issue we are actively waiting for repair of. Normal operations will restart as soon as the issue is resolved.

We look forward to seeing everyone again there soon!

Cass County Museum
Castaldi Family History Center research library, archive, and staff offices are open and developing new experiences as quickly as we can.

Thank you for your continued patience and support!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

***The Confluence* Subscription \$25**

Includes one year of the CCHS quarterly newsletter mailing featuring the latest information on program offerings, museum development and local history stories of interest.

Individual \$50

Includes one year of benefits for one person. Benefits include admission to both museums, subscription to CCHS quarterly newsletter *The Confluence*, 10% discount on museum gift shop merchandise, invitation to members only events and discounted or free admission to select special events.

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Includes one year of benefits for two adults and all children under age 18 in the household. Benefits include admission to both museums, subscription to CCHS quarterly newsletter *The Confluence*, 10% discount on museum gift shop merchandise, invitation to members only events and discounted or free admission to select special events.

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Includes one year of benefits for one person. Benefits include admission to both museums, subscription to CCHS quarterly newsletter *The Confluence*, 20% discount on museum gift shop merchandise, invitation to members only events and discounted or free admission to select special events.

Benefactor \$500

Includes up to 5 Household or Sustaining Member Level Memberships, assigned to intended recipients at time of purchase. Annual benefits include admission to both museums, subscription to CCHS quarterly newsletter *The Confluence*, 20% discount on museum gift shop merchandise, invitation to members only events and discounted or free admission to select special events.

Thank you for considering membership to our organization.

Your annual paid membership helps us provide museum admission and services to all children and students free of charge.

New & Renewed Members

***Barbara Stein
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RECOLLECTIONS

Recollections

Lloyd Knight

CCHS Trustee & Contributing Author

The naming of our county seat, Logansport, has a very interesting story. Captain John Logan, Shawnee name "Spemica Lawba," (c. 1776 - November 25, 1812) was a mixed race Shawnee Warrior. In 1786, when Spemica Lawba was a boy, he was captured during Logan's raid, when Kentuckians led by General Benjamin Logan marched into the Ohio Country to attack Shawnee towns. He was taken, with other prisoners, as hostage back to Kentucky.

During his captivity, Spemica Lawba learned to speak some English, and took the name "Logan" after Benjamin Logan, who befriended and raised the boy. In August 1787, Shawnee Chief Kekewepelethy arranged for the release of the Shawnee hostages, using Daniel Boone as an intermediary. Logan left his kidnapper turned benefactor's home to return to live with his mother's tribe in Western Ohio.

Logan fought against the United States in the Northwest Indian War. After the war he lived near Wapakoneta, Ohio where he worked as a trader. He married a Shawnee woman named Rebecca and had four children. He was not a village chief but he attended the Wapakoneta councils as a war chief. He opposed the expansion of the United States into Shawnee lands. Following the Treaty of Greenville in 1795, he sought to preserve Shawnee independence by maintaining peaceful relations with the United States.

In 1806, he served as an interpreter for Blue Jacket and Tecumseh when they traveled to Chillicothe, Ohio to reassure the governor that Shawnees posed no threat to American settlers. When the War of 1812 reached Ohio, Logan served as a scout for the American military.

Logan was killed in a skirmish with British-allied Native Americans, and was buried with military honors by the Americans, making Logan "the foremost Indian hero on the American side" of the War of 1812.

In August 1827, a small group of early settlers and Indians gathered on a grassy slope where the Eel River empties into the Wabash River (western point of the Little Turtle Walkway) to witness a shooting

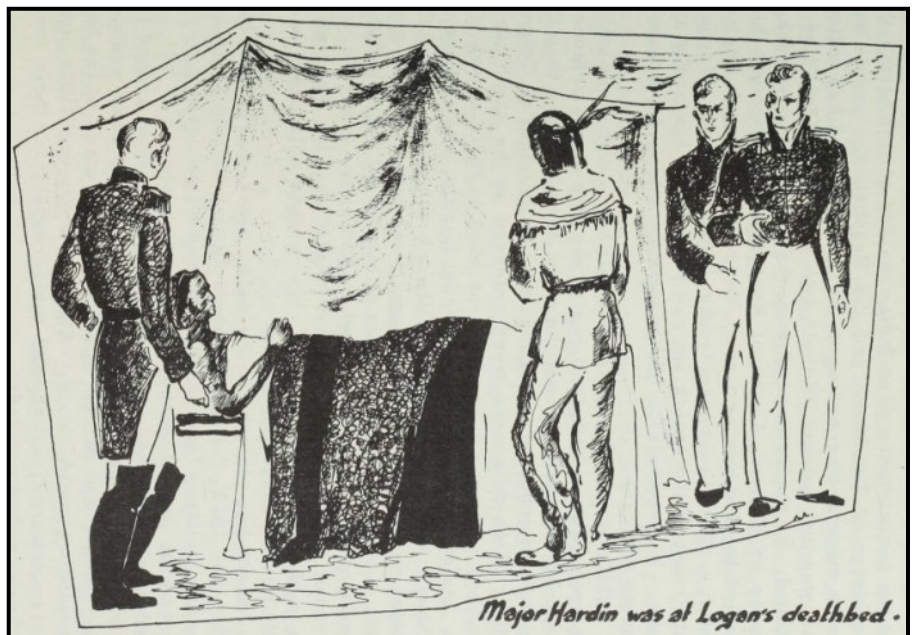


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RECOLLECTIONS

contest for the naming of the city. Hugh McKeen, a local merchant, suggested to Army Colonel John B. Duret, who owned a local trading post, the town be named after Captain Logan. Colonel Duret raised his gun and fired. "A bull's eye, Colonel!" the contest umpire, called out. "As pretty a bull's eye as you ever saw, and your side wins!" Colonel Duret asked that the town be named in memory of Captain Logan, who lost his life while protecting the early settlers. The name was agreed upon. "Port" was added to the name because the town was located at the junction of two rivers. Therefore, the town was named "Logan's Port." Later, it evolved to "Logansport." ■

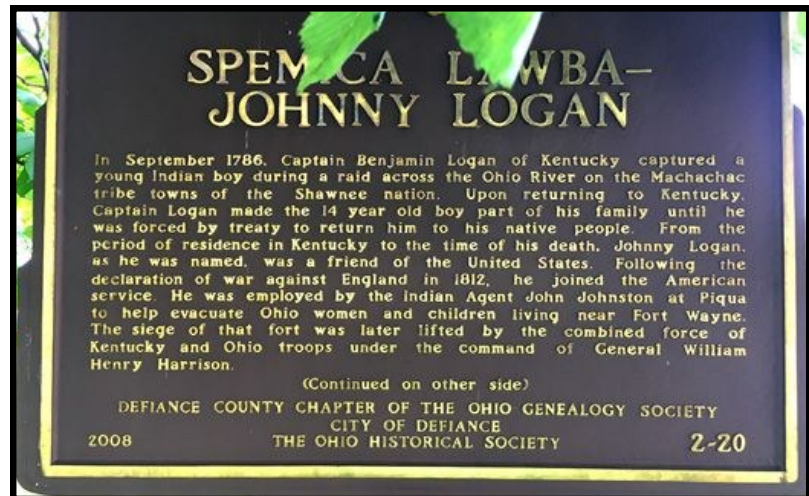


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PROGRAM

Cass County Legacy Speakers

History lessons provided FREE to the public

Cass County Museum

421 E. Broadway Street, Logansport

Saturday, March 1, 2025 ~ 1PM

Cass County Historical Society welcomes author

Dave Morrison

who will be sharing his knowledge on **The History of the Brady Gang** and loss of **State Trooper Paul Minneman**, Logansport native and first Indiana State Trooper murdered in line of duty.

Seating is limited. Please RSVP 574-753-3866



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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

November 2nd through December 20, 2024 CCHS hosted a total of 110 guests at the Long Home Museum for our second annual Home for the Holidays event. Support from the Cass County Visitors Bureau allowed for the provision of three new trees and décor to continue filling the space with beautiful seasonal décor to celebrate the holiday and the home. The Historic Preservation Committee held their first annual candlelight walking tour event, of which 24 guests visited Long Home. Santa greeted guests on First Saturday in December and again during the two nights of the Historic Preservation Commission tours. Thank you again to everyone who visited our museum during this festive time.



2024 ANNUAL MEETING

On Thursday, December 5, 2024 the Cass County Historical Society held their Annual Meeting at the Cass County Museum to celebrate another year of progress toward developing and restoring our two county history museum experiences in Logansport: Cass County Museum and Long Home Museum.

During the event, Dr. Susanne Ridlen was celebrated as a new Emeritus member of the Cass County Historical Society Board for her years of service and advice to our organization. Robert “Bob” Julian was also celebrated during the event for his dedicated years of service. The contributions of our Emeritus members have helped make us the organization we are today and we are grateful for their continued service as Emeritus members of our Board of Trustees.

Cass County Historical Society Program Director, Jill Snyder spoke in honor of Richard Copeland, CCHS Emeritus Board Member, who passed earlier this year. Richard’s son Chris was in attendance. An article to acknowledge his history education contributions to the community is included in this issue (See page 9).

We thank everyone who came out to attend our event and look forward to another great year!



IN MEMORIAM

Remembering Richard "The History Buff" Copeland

Written by Jill Snyder

CCHS Program Manager

With Condolences from Heather and our Trustees

One of Cass County's legends passed on September 22, 2024. Richard Copeland was a man of many talents, one being a great local historian. Richard had an amazing life for someone whose beginnings were of deprivation and struggle.

Richard was born in Posey County in 1932. Richard's mom died when he was 4 years old. He and his siblings went to live with an aunt who was blind and very determined to give Richard and his siblings all the advantages she could while doing without indoor plumbing and electricity. While his father farmed their 80 acres farm (without a tractor), Richard's aunt supplemented the family income by hand stitching towels for the State of Indiana. She used that income to pay for the children's education and Richard's piano lessons. She was a wonderful example that taught Richard and his brother and sister life's values.

Richard graduated from high school at Mt. Vernon with 68 other students. He saved every penny he earned to attend Indiana State Teachers College. He had several part-time jobs and lived in barns and warehouses to get through school; finally earning a master's degree in teaching. He came to Cass County in 1954 to teach at various elementary schools. First at Longfellow for 3 years, then Washington School where he taught for 25 years. His last teaching job before he retired in 1992 and was at Fairview for 11 years. During his teaching years, Richard and his wife of 62 years, Eileen, traveled through almost every state along with their 3 children covering 46 out of 50 states.

Retirement allowed Richard and Eileen to begin international travels where he learned history and cultures of other countries. His curiosity and love of history led him to start researching his own history and that of Cass County. Starting in 1996, Richard became a local historian and wrote for the local newspaper; the Pharos Tribune, writing weekly articles on Cass County history of key events and people who helped shape Logansport and surrounding areas of Cass County. He was asked by Father Donald Gross, local priest of the All-Saint's Catholic Church, to compile their history of over 100 years. It became a book, Richard's first publication and titled: *All Saints Catholic Church: Cass County, Indiana, 1836-1999*. His next publication was *Cass County, Indiana 2002 History*. This book is still available for purchase at both of our museums.

He volunteered his time and expertise with Cass County Historical Society. Richard served for 20 years on the Cass County Historical Society Board of Directors and in 2024 received an Emeritus Board Member award for his service posthumously. His son Chris accepted the award on his behalf. Richard found history fascinating and did not mind the time and patience it took to do research and dig for the truth. "Everyone has a story" and he felt it needed to be told. Richard was a man who wore many hats: author, lecturer, teacher, mentor, and a love for music among several other roles not mentioned. He closed his lectures and his articles with "the History Buff". And so, he was.

Rest in peace, Richard.

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Long Home Museum and Cass County Museum.**

**We have made so much progress, much of it is not highly visible yet.
Our museums, while evolving, are open. Our mission is worthy.**

There is still much to do.

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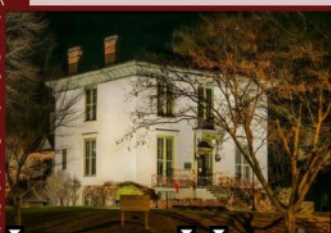
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First Saturday of each Month

1004 E. Market St. 1 - 4 PM

Free Admission & Activities

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