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Springing to Work!



In March, Atlas Building Services completed repairs to the Long Home Museum roof. The repairs involved replacement of rotted wood existing on the perimeter of the roof, under the decorative metal cornice trim. Elements of the decorative trim were also riveted back in place, securing this hard-to-replicate feature to our building.

Thank you, Cass County Community Foundation for helping us fund this vital repair to our property!



Photos courtesy of Rich Voorhees.

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*

GIVING OPTIONS

*Send your charitable, tax  
deductible donation to any of  
the following.*

**Cass County Historical Society**  
421 E. Broadway  
Logansport, IN 46947

**The Charles P. Schaefer  
Designated Endowment Fund**  
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P.O. Box 441  
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Foundation)

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ORGANIZATION



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy Spring Society Members!

We are so glad the weather is finally warming up and our skies are blue again. We have a big year ahead as we continue to complete restoration and remodel work at our museums. We are still sorting, cataloguing and relocating artifacts between the two museums. The clearer weather sure helps with that process!

The work at Long Home Museum got off to an early start this year as we identified a severe plumbing issue in January. With the help of plumber Mike Jones and his assistant Vince, we were able to completely replace our sewer line, remove a defunct bathroom in the basement - capping off the unused commode, and replace our 1960s water heater with a safer and more efficient model. On April 10th we reopened the Long Home after two months of closure due to plumbing and roof repairs.

Soon, we will begin installation of exterior Cass County Museum signage on our museum location downtown. Exhibits for the first floor at Cass County Museum are currently in development and will begin installation later this summer.

It is likely we will have more temporary closures in the future to allow our contractors access to work on our sites. This is for staff, volunteer and guest safety. We will communicate the closures, when they occur, on our website and social media, and with signage on the museum doors. Guests are encouraged to book museum services in advance via our website or by calling our office to ensure timely service.

We appreciate your patience and support as we actively work to restore and build both of our museum experiences!

*Heather Fouts*

Heather Fouts  
CCHS Executive Director



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.

**Household \$100**

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.

**Sustaining Member \$100**

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.

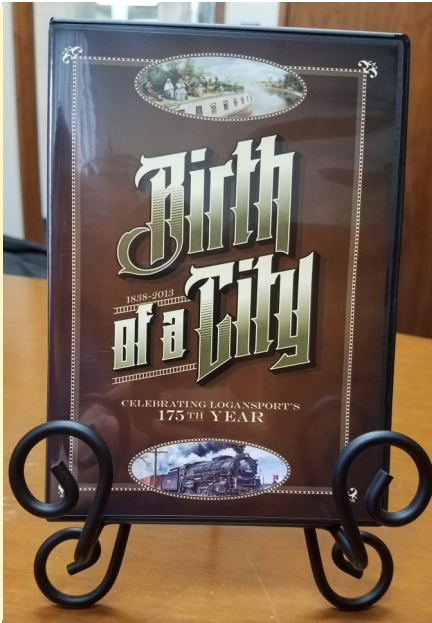
**Benefactor \$500**

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.*

*Become a Member of the  
Cass County Historical Society  
during your next visit to the  
Long Home Museum  
and receive a free  
Birth of the City DVD!*

**Open Thursday & Friday 1 - 4 PM  
First Saturday of the Month 1 - 4 PM**



MEMBERSHIP

*First Quarter New & Renewed Members*

*George & Monica Stephenson  
Mark & Marsha Bender  
Jim & Janie McDonald  
Michael & Karen Deitrich  
Paul Kroeger  
Sheila Laing  
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## IN MEMORIAM

# Remembering Bruce Stuart

*Written by Jill Snyder*

*CCHS Program Manager*

*With Condolences from Heather and our Trustees*

The community of Logansport and Cass County lost a treasured icon and legend when Bruce Stuart passed away on March 25th, 2025.

Bruce was born in Lake Cicott on February 10th, 1932 to Frank and Margaret Stuart. He attended Logansport school systems and graduated from high school in 1950. He attended Purdue University for 2 years before he joined the Army, training for the Signal Corp during the Korean War. He went back to college at Ball State receiving a Bachelor's and Master's in education finishing in 1961.

He married Mary Catherine Wheeler in 1959 and they had 3 children. Bruce taught fifth grade at Daniel

Webster for 4 years; went on to become a Guidance Director at Logansport High School for 29 years. After 33 years of dedicating his life in education; Bruce retired.

He and Mary became curators of the Cass County Historical Society from 1990 to 2000. They were

instrumental in many positive changes and accomplishments during the time serving the Historical Society.

Restoration of the Long Home and carriage barn, creation of the Historic Preservation organization, and a wonderful feat of acquiring the ReVere car which represents the short time Logansport had car manufacturing.

Both received the John Tipton Award; the highest honor bestowed From Cass County. Bruce often had current and previous students tour through the home. When Bruce pointed out a certain picture of a young man in a WWI Army uniform and asked them what they thought of the history behind it; most would shrug if off and say "ick". Bruce proceeded to explain it was his father and was not offended. Because of his love of history and his knowledge of the many items and stories from the house, these same students often came back and with their parents. Bruce made a great impression and it shined through with his love of history.

Bruce and Mary traveled a great deal, often camping. Bruce indicated he learned a great deal of the country and its history through their many trips.

We will miss Bruce and are grateful for all the contributions he made through the years for the schools, the Historical Society, and the many other entities he was associated with. God Bless his family he leaves behind.



*Photo accessed online via Pharos Tribune 4/16/25.*

## PROGRAM

### The Easter Bunny Returns!



On First Saturday in April we hosted 50 guests at the Cass County Museum downtown who came to meet our friend the Easter Bunny!

Due to ongoing repairs to our roof and plumbing at Long Home Museum, we opted to host families at our downtown museum!

First Saturday activities will resume back down at Long Home Museum in May. We thank everyone who came to visit! Happy Easter!

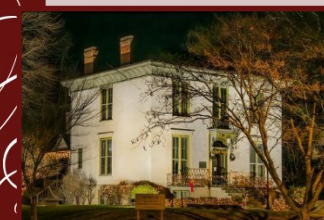
## First Saturdays

First Saturday of each Month

1004 E. Market St. 1 - 4 PM

Free Admission & Activities

Thank You Logansport Savings Bank for sponsoring 2025 First Saturdays at Long Home Museum & Congratulations on 100 Years!



**LOGANSPORT  
SAVINGS BANK**  
LEADING THE WAY



Long Home Museum

NEW SIGNAGE



In May or early June (as soon as the weather stays nice) Splitroad Media, Inc. will be installing our long-awaited exterior signage at Cass County Museum!

While I'm sure many locals will still call us "the old bank building," having our name on our place is an important milestone to our effort and highlights some of the exciting new exhibits coming soon.

The artwork and photography used was created by local artists Kevin Burkett and Rich Voorhees. We appreciate their donation of the designs and thank Cass County Community Foundation for funding creation and installation of the signage.

**We're Finally Putting Our Name on Our Place!**



COLLECTIONS

# Memories at Center Court

*Written by Judy Masters*  
*CCHS Trustee & Contributing Author*

On January 24, 2025, members of the Logansport High School Class of 1973 pooled their resources and purchased a piece of their personal history.

Logansport High School was located between 13th and 14th Streets, and Market Street and Broadway. It had been in operation at that location since 1913, when plans for a new school were announced in 1967. At the conclusion of the 1973 school year, the building was scheduled for demolition.

A few pieces of that wonderful old school building survived, including this large cutout of center court of the Berry Bowl, where hundreds of basketball games had been played, cheerleaders had cheered, Berryettes had danced, music had rung out, and commencements had sent new grads on their way. The artifact had been in the possession of Brad Dean for about 50 years, and on display at Dean's business, the Annex, in downtown Logansport.

When it was announced that the Annex would close, in early 2025, the Class of '73 set out to acquire their piece of LHS history. As the last class to graduate from that building, we were determined that center court needed to retire in our possession.



Mr. Dean was gracious in accepting our offer and the piece was removed for temporary storage at the Gray Mill, before it found its way to the Cass County Historical Society Museum on Broadway. Our sincere thanks to all involved in the process of acquisition, storage, and relocation.

We believe the Berry Bowl Floor to be in exactly the right place to be appreciated as a piece of Logansport history, and we are excited about some of the display ideas put forth already.

*Photo courtesy of Judy Masters.*  
3/31/2025.

RECOLLECTIONS

# Recollections

*Written by Lloyd Knight  
CCHS Trustee & Contributing Author*

During the 1800’s medical schools stole cadavers for research and demonstrations for medical students. In the 1870’s public concern about body snatching became a serious point in Ohio when the body of John Scott Harrison, father of the future President- Benjamin Harrison had gone missing from his grave. His body was discovered at the Medical College of Ohio.

In 1881 Thomas Howell of Circleville, Ohio patented an exploding shell, which was to be buried right above a coffin.

The Historical Society has a deactivated grave bomb that was found one day when a grave was to be moved at Mount Hope Cemetery.

The grave of Catherine Huntley, who died in 1885, had the explosive device atop of her coffin along with trip wire stretched across the area of the coffin. The bomb weighs, without the gunpowder, approximately 5 lbs. A grave robber hitting the bomb would have been injured or killed by the shards of metal from the bomb. The bomb was defused and inspected by Lt. Don Franklin, (State Police Bomb Expert) Lt. Ray Hinkle (State Police Detective) and Chester Easterday of Easterday Funeral Home.

This artifact has been in the CCHS collection since 1940. It can be viewed at the Long Home Museum during visiting hours.

*Donations and membership are always welcomed and needed for the continued support and operations of the CCHS. For more information call the office on (574) 753-3866 or visit the website [casscountyhistory.org](http://casscountyhistory.org).*



2025 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

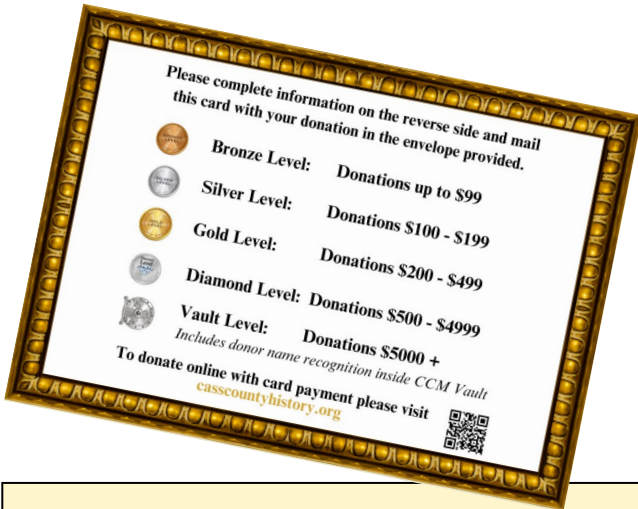
| BRONZE \$1-\$99 | SILVER \$100-\$199                                                                                                                                                                        | GOLD \$200-499                                                    | DIAMOND \$500-\$4999                                                                                                   |
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Thank you for supporting Cass County Historical Society!*

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**Everyone on our mailing list receives this form in January or February as part of our Annual Campaign package. Return this form with payment to give a tax-deductible donation to the Cass County Historical Society. This donation does not include an annual CCHS membership.**

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## History of Sports in Cass County

Presented by Bryan Looker

Saturday, July 26, 2025 1 - 3 PM @ Cass County Museum

## Cass County Legacy Speakers

History lessons provided FREE to the public by

