Historic Timeline of Bellefontaine, Ohio

1760 (1777) War Chief Bluejacket built his settlement (where Bellefontaine is today)

1795 Treaty of Greenville signed

1797 John Gunn builds a tavern near (former) McKee's town

1800's first American settlements

1812 War of 1812

1818 **Logan County** was formed

March 20, 1820 City of Bellefontaine was laid out – County Seat of Logan County

1830 Solomon Hoge first deeded land now known as Campbell Hill (1550 ft.' highest point in Ohio)

1835 Bellefontaine became incorporated by the Ohio's Legislature.

1830-1850 the Underground Railroad was active in Logan County

1847 The Mad River & Lake Erie Railroad Co. completed the first railroad in Bellefontaine

1849 Bellefontaine Union School District was formed

1850 First Logan County Fair was held

1853 A.J. Miller Company began production (first horse carriages, later cars, hearses and ambulances)

1861-1865 US Civil War

1870 The Logan County Courthouse was completed

1871 The Bellefontaine Examiner first published a local newspaper

1881 Judge William Lawrence (1st Comptroller of the US Treasury) helps establish - American Red Cross

1890 The Big FOUR Railroad made Bellefontaine a main terminal

1891 George Bartholomew paved a section of Main Street becoming the first concrete street in America

1894 Bellefontaine's first municipal electric plant was built

1898 Indian Lake was established as a State Park

1902 Bellefontaine is recognized as a "city"

1904 Kin Hubbard begins his "Abe Martin" cartoon

1904 one in four residents worked for the railroad

1907 The Bellefontaine Automobile Co. produced the "Traveler" automobile.

1908 Logan County becomes a "dry" (prohibition of alcohol)

1914-1918 World War I

1918 YMCA Camp Alfred L. Willson open

1919 Mary Rutan Hospital opens

1920 McKinley Street is recognized as the World's Shortest Street

1920's Mills Brothers move to Bellefontaine

1925 Ohio Caverns opens

1931 The Holland Theatre opens

1939-1945 WWII

1942-1946 Veteran's Auxiliary operates Canteen to serve soldiers passing through Logan County

1946 Fire destroys Big Four depot in Bellefontaine

1950 US Government purchased 57.5 acres on Campbell Hill and formed the 664th Aircraft

Control and Warning Squadron

1951 all of Bellefontaine goes to dial telephones

1962 Valley Hi Ski Resort opens

1967 Bellefontaine High School opens

1971 the last NY Central passenger train passes through Bellefontaine

1974 Ohio Hi-Point Vocational School opens

1979 Honda (Marysville) produces its first motorcycle in the USA

2002 Bellefontaine Regional Airport opens

2010 Louie Vito competes in the Winter Olympics (snowboarding)

2018 Logan County celebrates its Bicentennial (1818-2018)

2020 Bellefontaine celebrates its Bicentennia (1820-2020)