

**Did You Know?**

- In 1999 one event was presented at the historic Holland Theatre. In 2003 there were **42 events**.
- Our **new web site is under construction** and ready to hit the world wide web soon. Stay tuned for our new web address
- The Holland Theatre will celebrate it's **75th Birthday** in 2006
- There are **two weddings** to be performed at the Holland Theatre this year

• **Wanted:**

**We are looking for your "memories" and photos of the Holland Theatre.**

If you have any fond memories of the Holland that you would like to share, please let us know at the Theatre office. Please include the approximate date of your memories or photos.

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## Under Construction: Work is going on at the Holland

The renovation of the historic Holland Theatre is moving forward. Thanks to a Community Development Block Grant, received through the Logan County Commissioners, reconstruction of the women's restroom and updating of the electrical wiring to the stage area are being undertaken.

The women's restroom is being moved across the lobby to where the men's restroom was located. It has been enlarged and redesigned with all new fixtures, plumbing and floor and wall treatments. It is hoped that the work on the restroom will



*A worker from T&D Interiors prepares the restroom floor for tiling.*

be completed by July.

The additional wiring in the stage area consists of two service lights installed on each end of the stage and new electrical outlets installed around the perimeter of the stage and in the orchestra pit. Also, a new service box was installed on the stage

to accommodate future wiring needs.

A big, big thank-you goes out to local architect, Karen Beasley, for all of her in-kind help on heading up this project.

*Reported by Malcolm Pennell, Property Committee*

## Coming Events at the Holland

The Holland Theatre is the place to be in case of rain this summer. The Bellefontaine Cultural Arts Commission will use the Holland for rain-dates for their Summer in the

Parks Concert Series. The Holland will be selling hot dogs and homemade pies at one of their summer events.

Of course, the Cruise-In is a major event to be held at the Holland, but

also tours, a concert by the West Central Ohio Community Band, and a wedding are currently slated (dates to be announced). And, of course, don't forget the Gallery at the Holland.

## Keep the historic Holland Theatre moving forward

Through the use of grants, such as the CDBG grant, the restoration is moving forward. The Developmental Committee is also working with the state (through the Ohio Arts and Sports Facilities Commission) and the federal government (Save America's Treasures) to help finance the restoration.

But local donations are very welcome and will be used for restoration efforts and day-to-day operations. Please help us to continue "reaching for the stars." *Reported by Sally Dickey, Development Committee*

### Historic Holland Theatre Donation Card

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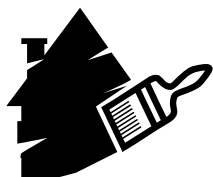
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Please send donations to: Logan County Landmark Preservation, Inc.  
The Holland Theatre Project  
PO Box 524

Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

Summer 2004



## A call for volunteers

Are you skilled with a paint-brush? Would you like to get involved with the renovation of the historic Holland Theatre?

The property committee needs volunteers to help with some exterior painting to enhance the general appearance of the building exterior.

If you would like to help, call the office at 937-592-9002 and leave your name and phone number and you will be contacted by Malcolm Pennell.

## Holland Theatre and Mad River Theater Works Forging Partnership



Mad River Theater Works presented their original production of "Freedom Bound" on stage at the Holland Theatre in January of this year. This event was the first of many projects on which the Theatre and the production group hope to work together.

This summer Mad River Theater Works will be offering the Summer Theater Academy. The Academy will be offering theater classes to students aged

from the 3rd Grade through high school. The classes will be taught by Sally Vander Gheynst, an accomplished actress who is currently a Master Teacher at the California Center for the Arts. The Academy presented the fruits of the workshop on stage at the Holland on July 9th.

It is hoped that the world premier of the new Mad River production, "Everybody's Hero,"

will occur at the historic Holland Theatre. This new production is based on the life of Jackie Robinson, the first African-American to play in the major leagues.

The Mad River Theater Works, in conjunction with the Holland Theatre, has presented a grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts to help fund more collaborations between the two entities.

## 2004 Cruise-In among Program Committee's endeavors

The Program Committee is working hard on plans for the August 14th Cruise-in, as well as other events and productions at the historic Holland Theatre.

The Committee is currently working to expand its membership. Susan Frobe, Jim Burkhammer, Kathy Franklin, and Alan Galvez have been recently welcomed onto the committee. If **you** are interested in helping us dream dreams and work toward making them come true — this is the committee for you. Call the Theatre office at 937-592-9002 or Woody Amidon at 937-599-3763.

*"The Program Committee is working to expand its membership"*

The Program Committee's job is to plan entertainment in the Theatre and organize special



Members of the Programming Committee and volunteers help work at a variety of special events and programs to help benefit the historic Holland Theatre. Here workers man the tent at the Ice Cream Social at Brown Park

events such as the Cruise-In. The "perks" for working on this committee are meeting and helping the artists as they arrive and set up.

If a long term commitment is not convenient — **we also need volunteer workers for the August 14th Cruise In.**

We will need volunteers to:

1. Set out trash receptacles ;
2. Set up stages and assist

various entertainers

3. Sell raffle tickets at the event
4. Help vendors locate their space
5. Clean up at the end of the evening.

Please call the office at 937-592-9002 to volunteer.

*Reported by Forrest Amidon, Programming Committee*

## "Memory search" goes into high gear

Are you interested in helping preserve history for future generation? If so, the History Committee of the Logan County Landmark Preservation, Inc. is the place for you.

Currently the committee, headed by (Mrs.) Jerry Pennell and Charles Himes, is working to preserve anything related to the history of the Holland Theatre. They are collecting photographs, publicity articles from newspapers and theatre memorabilia. **They are also making a call to anyone who has a memory of the theatre to commit that memory to paper and submit it to the Theatre office.** John McMakin from WBLL has offered to help gather some of these memories and present them over the radio. Coming in the fall of 2004 will be your opportunity to reminisce and share your memories about your experiences at the historic Holland Theatre. Please stay tuned for the date in which this will take place at the Holland Theatre.

In the meantime, if you have any Holland Theatre memorabilia or photos - or would like to become a member of the History Committee—please call the theatre office at 937-592-9002 or LCLP Secretary, Jerry Pennell, at 937-843-9177.

*Reported by Jerry Pennell, History Committee*

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*The Holland Theatre Project*

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**5th Annual  
Holland Theatre  
Cruise Night Bellefontaine**  
**Top of Ohio Cruisers**

Raffle

Entertainment

Oldies  
Music



Food

**Parade up Main Street to Downtown: 6:00 PM**  
**Cruise Main Street: 7-9:30 PM**

*Proceeds to help restore  
the Holland Theatre*

Theatre  
Tours

Awesome  
Cars

Fun

**Saturday, August 14, 2004**

## Calendar of Events

### Polymer Clay Workshop

July 28th in the Gallery

### West Central Ohio Community Concert Band Concert

In August

Date and Time to be announced

### Cruise-In

August 14th

Parade begins at 6 PM

### Refreshments at Brown Park

BCAC Presents The General Guinness Band  
August 22

### Swedish Band "Vasen"

September 20th at 7 PM Tickets \$15

Sponsored by Larsen Woodworking

### Greg Abate with the Kent Burnside Trio

October 16th at 7 PM