



# Old Tyme Chronicle

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When the our nation was getting ready to celebrate 100 years in 1976, many people worked to identify historic landmarks and register them. Esther McCormick, head of Sunbury's Sesquicentennial history committee, completed forms to register the Town Hall in the middle of the square and the building then known as the Hopkins House at 45 S. Columbus Street.

A group of people working with the Ohio Historical Society identified other buildings of historic interest in the area. Their goal was to make the area around the square into a historic district but it upset property owners who worried about constraints which might be put on their properties and the project was dropped. However, these buildings were featured in "The Sunbury News" and the reports collected in a reference book placed in Community Library.

No sooner was the Hopkins House identified as a Historic Place than it was sold to Harold McMillan who in turn gave it to the Community Library to showcase local history. Almost 20 years later the Big Walnut Historical Society was formed to save the building from becoming a parking lot when the new library was built in a better location and had provisions for storing local history.

When researching the history of the building, we discovered it was built in 1816 (See Next Column)

## Carson Returns to Myers Inn

On Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m., Brent Carson will once again provide the program for the Big Walnut Area Historical Society. Admission is free.

A retired history teacher, Carson was born in Delaware, graduated from Hayes High School and taught in Willis Jr. High until he retired. He has been a pillar in the Delaware County Historical Society for many years and is currently the President Emeritus of the society.

He co-chaired the Delaware County Bicentennial Celebration with Rick Helwig in 2008.

Through the years, Carson has helped produce several DVDs and programs on a variety of topics of local history. "Friday Night in Downtown Delaware" is for sale in the Myers Inn Museum Gift Shop.

For the last 50 years he has been giving programs on local history. He kept picking up stories from people and last year decided to write a book titled "Carried Treasures" with Ric Stranges, a former Delaware Hayes High School Principal. He will be discussing his book and retelling some of those stories during the program in the Myers Inn Museum.

The Museum faces Sunbury Square at the corner of South Columbus and Granville Streets.

### *Plaque Continued . . .*

by Lawrence Myers, a co-founder of the town, with the two-story Stage Coach Inn addition built in 1820 when Ohio made a road thru Sunbury to Mount Vernon. Thus the name change to Myers Inn.

Damon Bower took over the task to get a plaque started by Alan and Carol Norris before covid. It is now mounted just left of the front door.

## BIG WALNUT GRILL

This local restaurant opened over 10 years ago by owner, Jon Self, in the Kroger Shopping Mall in Sunbury.

Created to be a great American Restaurant, it has a large menu to choose from that includes smoked comfort food such as slow cooked fall-off-the-bone baby back ribs, pizzas and pastas. A full bar has 16 beers on tap, cocktails and sports on TV's. An outside seating area provides extra space to enjoy the dining experience.

Special events are held throughout the year to benefit local charities and community events held at the neighborhood shopping center. If you want to review their menu or note their upcoming events, visit their website at <https://bigwalnut.grill.net>.

To make a reservation call  
740-965-3618

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## Calendar of Events

March 12 at 6 p.m. BWAHS Board of Trustees Meeting

March 12 at 7:30 p.m. BWAHS Monthly Program featuring Brent Carson (see Page 1)

### MYERS INN MUSEUM IS OPEN

10-3 on Saturdays

12-3 on Sundays

Tours booked for other times by calling 740-965-3582 and leaving your phone number so your call can be returned

## The Wait Is Over

Local history books written by Suzanne Allen are now available in the Gift Shop in limited numbers.