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American Legion Honors Suzanne Allen's Service to 4-H, Veterans



Gene Fuller, Suzanne Allen, Dick Moore, Scott Bloch

Thursday, May 25, the American Legion Post #457 gave a Certificate of Appreciation to B.W.A.H.S. Trustee Suzanne Allen for 65 years of service to 4-H clubs including coordinating marking veterans graves with BWAHS and the American Legion for Memorial

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Save the Date

“The Belling” Coming To Myers Inn Museum

When author John Durham emailed the historical society to schedule the event for Friday, July 21, he explained the idea for the book came from his aging grand-mother who lived in Sunbury when she was belled. He collected her stories and is publishing them in picture book format.

John will talk from 4-5 p.m. about the value of collecting family stories then meet people and sign books from 5-7 p.m.. *See flier on page 4.*



Early Aviation and Air Terminals

A top-flight lineup will bring to life the early days of aviation in Central Ohio as well as plans for preservation of its historic past in a

Big Walnut Area Historical Society program at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, at the Myers Inn. The presentation is open to the public.

Aviation hero Charles A. Lindbergh's connection to Port Columbus along with the train-plane 48-hour coast-to-coast operation of Transcontinental Air Transport will be discussed. TAT, through mergers, would eventually become Transcontinental & Western Air (TWA) in 1930.

Speaking on these early aviation developments will be: aviation historian Capt. Don Peters, retired TWA pilot; local historian Russ Arledge, director of the now-closed Ohio History of Flight Museum at Port Columbus; and airline historian, and photo journalist Jim “Jet” Thompson, retired fleet service agent with US Airways.

Tom Kromer, co-founder of the Preserving the Old Columbus Air Terminal group (POCAT), will talk about the effort to save both the old terminal and Hangar #1.

The Big Walnut area connection with aviation history
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Costumed Volunteers Needed for July 4th Open House

Myers Inn Museum holds an Open House 9-3 during the July 4th festivities on Sunbury Square. Because the parade goes in front of the Inn we are very busy before and after the parade but close during the parade.

Two shifts of volunteers are needed: 9-12 and 12-3. We have some costumes you may borrow. Parking is available in the Cashman Lot (old north Nestle's parking lot) on South Columbus Street for a donation to Boy Scouts.

Please contact Polly Horn, 740-965-3582 if you are willing to help with one of the times.

Mother - Daughter Tea Was a Success

Once again the event sold out so 30 mothers and daughters enjoyed a high tea in the Myers Inn Museum on Saturday, May 12. Unfortunately the size of the event is limited by the size of the room so some were unable to get tickets.

Learning about herbs in the Civil War and making Tussie-Mussies with herb lady Valerie Hamill was a big hit.

<p>Big Walnut Area Historical Society OFFICERS Bill Comisford, President Carol Norris, Secretary Bill Kavage, Treasurer Polly Horn, Myers Inn Curator TRUSTEES Alice Lacher Amy Welsh Carol Wood Charlotte McGowen Damon Bower Mel Meyers Roger Roberts Suzanne Allen Leave messages at 740-965-1154 To get information email Info@BigWalnutHistory.org</p>
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Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, October 21 Van Dorn's Center Inn's 200 Years Celebration

The Welch family will be opening their home and grounds for tours, entertainments and food as a fundraiser for Big Walnut Area Historical Society.

Silent Auction will feature a painting of General Rosecrans' Statue by B.W.A.H.S. member Carolyn Hefflinger.

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begins with Foster Lane, founder of Lane Aviation, who grew up in Porter Township and attended Sunbury High School. His flying career started as a barnstormer flying out of his father's field along Centerburg Road. A number of local residents got their first plane ride with Lane when he was barnstorming in the area. Families who have stories or photographs of these early flights are invited to share them with the BWAHS at the June 13 meeting.

Joining BWAHS is Easy

Circle One:

*Individual \$20, Family \$35, Business 10 or fewer employees \$50,
Business 11-99 employees \$75, Business 100 or more employees \$100,
Patron \$100, Other ?*

Name _____

Address or P. O. Box _____

Town _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email Address _____

Send with check for dues to BWAHS

**P.O. Box 362
Sunbury, OH 43074**

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Day and Veterans Day. Allen has also collected local memories of life in our community and published 2 books of them which are on sale in the Gift Shop.

Two others receiving awards Thursday night were Sunbury Chiropractic Clinic for all their community service projects and Matt Bowman, a Sunbury Policeman who was off duty when he saved lives by stopping traffic on I-71 the day a tanker exploded and burned on a ramp in January.

“We are proud to honor these people who make our community a better place to live,” noted Gene Fuller.

From the Membership Committee



- Hardy Hale
- Monte and Charlotte McGowen
- Sunbury Plumbing & Heating
- Contract Processing & Title Agency
- Melvin Wigton

**Myers Inn Museum &
Gift Shop**

OPEN
12-3 Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays
10-3 on Saturdays
facing southwest corner of Sunbury Square
740-965-1154
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

June 2 at 11 a.m. New Beginnings - Tour Myers Inn
June 7 at 1:00 Board Meeting
June 13 at 7:30 Program - Preservation of Aviation
and Early Air Terminals in Central Ohio

JULY

July 4th from 9-3 MYERS INN OPEN HOUSE
July 5 at 1:00 Board Meeting
July 7 from 10-12 Childcare Unlimited in Myers Inn
July 11 at 7:30 Program- They Missed Their Chance
(Presidents) - by Roy Nichols
July 21 at 4 p.m. Author John Durham to Speak
from 5-7 Book Signing

AUGUST

August 3 at 1:00 Board Meeting
August 8 at 6:00 Annual Picnic in Big Walnut
Conservation Club
August 19 Sizzles and Sounds around the square
All in Myers Inn Unless Noted Otherwise

What's It?

When someone brings us an item we have never seen before and can not readily identify, we call it a “What’s It?” until we learn it’s true identity.

I am looking at a round rock about 11" in diameter and 3½" deep. Near the center is a hole which appears to have fit over a 3x3 inch post or rod and locks it to keep it from moving. Carved below the center hole I. R. C. 9-11-27. There are a couple of other designs on the same side of the rock - a maze and a swastika.

Who or what is I. R. C.? Is the date a birthday, date it was made or maybe the day someone purchased property?

I am guessing the date is 1927 and possibly the person served in WWII.

Now you may guess. The stone is on loan to the Myers Inn Museum and will be resting on the hearth in the Tavern Room for your inspection.

I appreciate any help in identifying this stone.
Polly Horn, Curator of the Myers Inn Museum.

Museum Looking for S.H.S. Composites of Graduates



Using the same design used by Bob Cheadle and Ed Roshon for the Galena High School Composites, Damon Bower constructed a hanging frame for the Sunbury High School Senior Composites, so now they joined those from Galena on the wall at the Myers Inn Museum.

We would like to complete the sets so if you have any of the following we can copy or have, please let Polly Horn know.

B.W.A.H.S. does not have Sunbury seniors from the years of 1921, 1922, 1924, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1934, 1937, 1938, and 1939. All the other are there from 2016 through 1950 when the schools consolidated. We have Galena's seniors beginning in 1917. We are missing 1931 and 1936.

If we can borrow any we are missing and make a copy, we will return them to you.

Myers Inn Museum Gift Shop is open the same hours as the museum and carries items of local interest to enhance a visit to the museum.

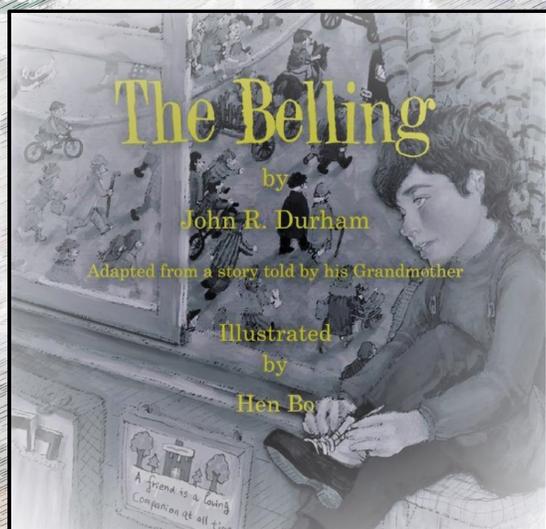
Many items are made by local artists or written about local events or people.

We have General Rosecrans's books authored by William Lamers, David Moore (\$30), and Frank Varney (\$32).

Suzanne Allen compiled *A Bit about Our Past in the Big Walnut Community* and *More About Our Past in the Big Walnut Community*.

We carry Karen Meyer's historical Christian fiction for early chapter readers and will soon carry John Durham's picture book based on a Sunbury story for \$8.50.

BOOK SIGNING and Paperback Sale



Meet the Author John R. Durham



Read along, as Johnny and Frankie share this small midwestern town's tradition from a child's perspective. You'll also learn about happy tears and alligator pond.

Myers Inn Museum
45 S. Columbus Street
Sunbury, Ohio 43074



Friday, July 21, 2017
5:00-7:00 PM