



Civil War School Day On Sunbury Square April 24

BWAHS is planning the twelfth Civil War School Day to be held on Sunbury Village Square and around the Myers Inn Museum from 9 to 2 on the last Friday in April.

The day is divided into two sessions divided by cannon fire. During each session, costumed guides will lead students through a series of living history stations. At each station, students will learn from dedicated living historians what life was like in the mid-1800s from both a military and civilian prospective.

Fourth, Sixth and Eighth graders and homeschoolers have been invited. Reservations must be made so enough guides are available.

Coordinator Rick Helwig is recruiting presenters. Event Coordinator Alice Lacher is recruiting the support staff of guides and cooks.

Mark your calendar and sign up to help on this day.

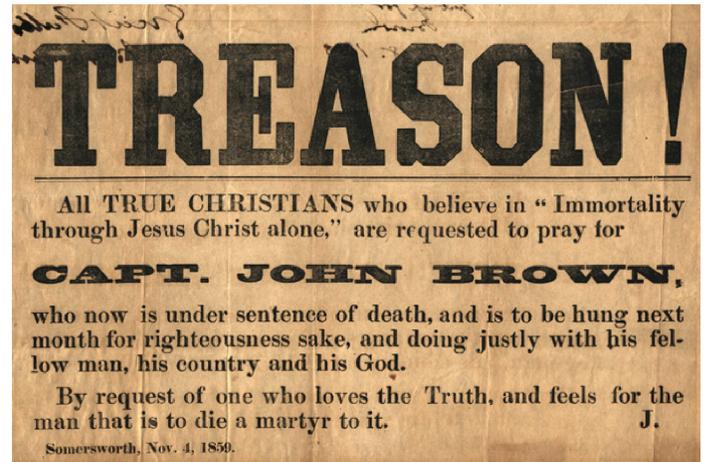
Children and Adults Enjoy History

BWAHS Stories in Community Library drew 15 children for the first event “Teddy Roosevelt and National Parks” and President’s Day held February 15th.

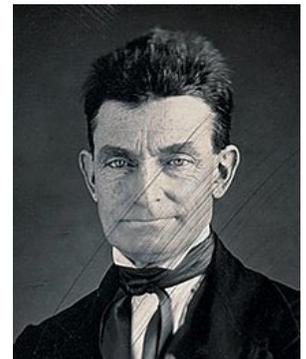
Under the leadership of Brian Moore and Mindy Pyle, BWAHS members share books and crafts with a historic theme with children.

The second session is planned for June 20 featuring the history of Flag Day. If you wish to help, contact Mindy or Brian.

Coming March 10th



Was John Brown, a Martyr or Madman?



John Brown

Van Young returns to Big Walnut Historical Society at 7:30 Tuesday, March 10, to state the facts of John Brown’s life so you can decide was he a martyr or a madman. This program is free in the Myers Inn Museum facing the southwest corner of Sunbury Village Square.

Brown was an American abolitionist who believed in and advocated armed insurrection as the only way to overthrow the institution of slavery in the United States. His unsuccessful raid on the federal armory in Harpers Ferry, VA, is often referred to as the starting point of the civil war. This talk examines the life of John Brown and the effect he had on the viewpoints of slavery in the North and the South. **(Continue Page 2)**

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Young has entertained and enlightened us many times with his tales of little known facts from the Civil War era. This presentation promises to do the same.



Van Young

Young was born and raised in Ohio and has been a resident of Columbus for the last 38 years. When he retired from AT&T in 2012, he made one of his retirement goals to spend time studying about the Civil War.

While he enjoys presenting a variety of American history subjects, he is enamored with the civil war.

Valentine Luncheon Was Successful

Planners were too busy to count attendees but the chairs were filled throughout the event. Homemade soups, salad bar and desserts were a treat on a cold winter's day. Thanks to the cooks Marie Lacher and Alice Chapan.

Alice Lacher made costumes for Big Walnut's LEO girls and taught them to serve and clear tables. Their smiles added to the event. Attendees had a special treat when it was cold enough to light the fireplaces.

The event took in \$408 in donations and the guests got to enjoy the vintage Valentines on display throughout the museum.

Calendar of Events

- March 10 at 6:00 p.m. BWAHS Board Meeting
- March 10 at 7:30 p.m. Program Meeting -
John Brown by Van Young
- April 2 at 5 to 8 Display at CoC EXPO in Big Walnut High School Gym
- April 12 - MUSEUM CLOSED FOR EASTER
- April 14 at 6:00 Board Meeting
- April 14 at 7:30 Program-"Paul Revere's Ride,"
by Brent Carson
- April 19 - Rental** 1:00 Bridal Shower
Victoria James - 25 people
- April 25 - 9-2 **CIVIL WAR SCHOOL DAY**
Sunbury Village Square and Myers Inn

New Business Memberships

Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Platinum Realty Group

This local realty group is an independently owned and operated franchise of BHH Affiliates, LLC. Members of the Berkshire Hathaway Services team have been serving the greater Columbus area since 1996. *Local agents experienced in buying, selling or relocation services can be contacted at their 50 East Granville Street office facing Sunbury's Village Square. (740-965-9020)*

Ruark and Sons Automotive

Beginning as a part-time automotive repair shop in his home's garage, Bill Ruark eventually opened his full-time Ruark and Sons Automotive shop in 1995. Due to the volume of work, by 1997 he purchased their current 5 bay garage employing five people including his son's Joe and Alex. *Their local automotive services are provided at 114 South Columbus Street. (740-965- 3206)*

Myers Inn Museum & Gift Shop

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



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**Tables are set, fires are lit, yummy food is prepared
LEO servers are ready**

Valentine Luncheon in Myers Inn Museum

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employees \$100, Patron \$100, Other ?*

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Sunbury 1970 - Photo taken by Jack Brehm from Frank Linnabary's Airplane

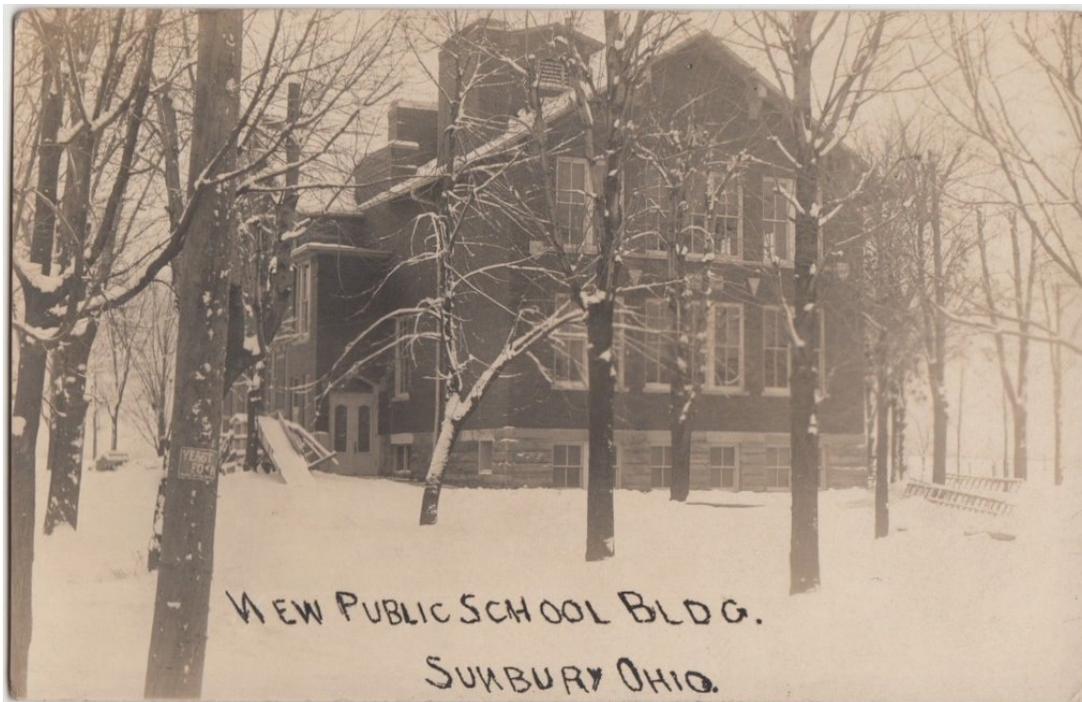


Bottom left is Texaco station where Certified is today. Playground with baseball diamond now J.R. Smith Park.

Over 100 Years

Built to the north and south of the original school. It housed all 12 grades. Entrance through the original school.

Photographers used their negatives to print so when the caption was added it was put on the negative backwards. Here the writer had trouble getting N backward so it printed the opposite of the intent. This is a rare postcard probably because of the errors. Note ladders to right in the snow.



1913-14 Postcard Sunbury School on Harrison Street from Jeff Sellers