



# Old Tyme Chronicle

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## Museum Is Safe and Sound

*By Damon Bower*

In case you have ever wondering what precautionary steps we take to keep our Inn/Museum safe from fire, you may be interested in the following.

- 1) In the storage room off the kitchen we have a annunciator panel—that has to be checked every year by licensed personnel to make sure the smoke detectors can send an alarm to the panel (cost around \$350 a year).
- 2) Alarm panel is connected to a 24/7 Central Alarm service connected by two dedicated phone lines (cost around \$350 a year not counting cost of phone lines)
- 3) A Back-Flo test and testing of our limited sprinklers in two storage areas and basement (cost around \$250)
- 4) Annual check of 3 Fire Extinguishers (cost \$75 and \$125 depending if need recharged)

We recently had a fire inspection from the BST&G Fire Department and passed all the above protective measures. However, the batteries in the emergency lights had lost power. Bill Kavage and I replaced the 11 emergency lights this last week.

Years ago I never would have guessed that it would cost over \$1,000 a year for fire protection, but it is a necessary expense especially considering a wood structure—parts of which are over 200 years old!

*Editor's note: Many thanks to Damon for meeting the individual technicians who keep out systems working. Also, many thanks to Damon and Bill Kavage for taking care of the batteries and lights. Bill also changed the smoke security batteries a couple of weeks ago. Sheldon Lacher recently upgraded the security system. All part of keeping the building and visitors safe. Thanks, Guys!*

*Monthly Meeting August 9 . . .*

## *Annual Old Fashioned Picnic*

**at 6:00 Tuesday, August 9**

**Shelter House at Sunbury United Methodist Church**

Bring a dish to share, your table setting and utensils and your beverage. Also bring a friend who might enjoy our group. There is no program, just good fellowship.

When the Big Walnut Area Historical Society first formed, we decided to treat ourselves in August so we started the picnics.

## An Unexpected Effect of Covid

*by Polly Horn*

Last event held in the Myers Inn was the Valentine Luncheon 2020, then we were closed due to covid. Other than a few private tours and limited tours on major holidays, the Myers Inn Museum has been closed until this summer.

After much consideration, Roger Roberts, program chair, and I decided to have the Nestlé's program I had scheduled for 2020.

Knowing the equipment closet has not been cleaned for over 2 years, I was working Saturday afternoon and decided to get the projection equipment ready. After cleaning the deep accumulation of dirt, I plugged it in and the system would not work. Of course I could not remember how things went together, even though I usually set it up for programs. Bob Mayer had given tours in the morning and stayed to help me. We did not managed to get it to work.

I went back the next day and still could not get the computer running. I made a couple of calls but no one had an answer which worked. After the second person suggested I take it to PC Knights, I noticed a small blue icon which I clicked on and discovered the problem.



## Big Walnut High School Band - 1956

Wayne Chafin conducting the band at a community event probably on the football field. We played at all local events, Delaware and Hartford Fairs. Instead of the hot wool uniforms, we wore white shirts and jeans or peddle-pushers.

*Continue from page 1* Two hours later the upgrades finished loading and the computer seemed to be working with a flash drive but a dvd would not load into the projector. Roger Roberts helped me take it to PC Knights where Ashley had it going in 6 minutes.

That should have been the end of the story but neither the mouse nor the remote would work so I had to use the keyboard to progress the slides. I made a note to take the

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## Calendar of Events

Aug. 9 at 6:00 Annual Picnic see page 1  
Aug. No Trustees meeting unless notified  
Aug. 20 11a.m. to 11p.m. Sizzles and Sounds on Sunbury Square

**MYERS INN MUSEUM IS OPEN  
9-3 ON SATURDAYS**

**Special Tours maybe arranged on another day  
by calling 740-965-3582**

computer to be repaired.

During the night I remembered I had not put the thumb-drives for the mouse and remote into the computer. I've learned a lesson I hope I never need again.

If you have ideas or suggestions for programs for Big Walnut Area Historical Society, please let Roger Roberts know. He has provided us with interesting programs for over 10 years and says he is running out of ideas.

The July program was the first live one since before covid. 31 attended, filling the room. Programs on YouTube can be up for a longer time and therefore seen by many more people. Suggestions?

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