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Big Walnut Middle School Students at Myers Inn

Nine Middle School students chose to volunteer with the Big Walnut Area Historical Society. Although rain made it impossible to dig a trench at the barn, they did clean the entry to the basement, worked on the balcony and prepared the rooms for the Mother's Day Tea to be held the next day. Mindy Pyle, Alice Chapan, Damon Bower, and Marie Lacher worked with the students. THANKS, BWMS! Photos inside.

Sunbury's Tale from Butter to Coffee

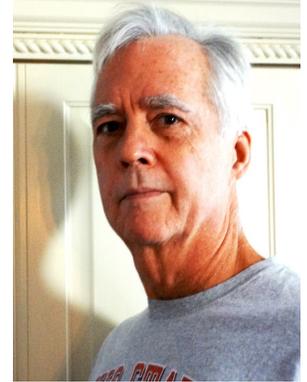
Nestles made a big impact on this community. We will be remembering it's local history and honoring those who worked for the company in July. Please contact Polly if you or a member of your family is among the hundreds who have tales to tell about working there. Call 740-965-3582 and leave your name and phone number and I will get back with you. Please do this sooner rather than later.

Tea is Still Popular with All Ages

Our first Mother's Day Tea since 2019 was a big success. It was sold out the week before the event. BWAHS members provided the homemade savorys, scones and sweets for the tea.

Alice Chapan and Mindy Pyle chaired the event with Marie and Sheldon Lacher, Alice Lacher, Nancy Wirick, Pat Kletrovetz, Bill Kavage, Erin Hoover, Emma and Claire Pyle working the event. Thanks to all!

Brown to Blend History and Science in June



Jack Brown

Jack Brown will tell of the "Building of the Atomic Bomb" at his presentation to the Big Walnut Area Historical Society in June. The presentation will be in YouTube format so you can enjoy it from your home at your convenience.

Brown will not only discuss the science behind the making of the bomb but he will address why it was developed and what challenges had to be overcome. What was the Manhattan Project and how did it differ from other World War Two efforts?

Brown has moved from a career in community analysis and statistics to a retirement hobby of furthering education of adults and youngsters. In 2020, he was featured in the Columbus Dispatch Special Edition highlighting "Everyday Heroes of Central Ohio." Brown has taken his love of science from his workshop to classrooms so students can actually see how things work and challenges them to even invent things to improve tomorrow's communities.

One thing is for sure, Brown brings a unique look at his subject. His program is bound to make you think.

The YouTube link will be posted on our website at <http://BigWalnutHistory.org> when it is ready to be viewed.

Meanwhile you can see some of the older YouTube programs using the link on our homepage. Roger Roberts' "Elias Lewis Remembers Leatherlips" has had over 150 hits. Don't miss it.



Souders is Thankful Classes Are Returning to Inn

While Warren Owen was watering the flowers in front of the Myers Inn, some very kind women from Souders delivered this red geranium in a pot

which says **Big Walnut Spreads Kindness**. “They were so glad to be back and wanted you all to know it,” noted Owen. The flower was delivered after 74 3rd graders visited the Myers Inn May 13th.

Three Notes in the pot said “You are Amazing!” another said “Spread Kindness to the World, and the last says, “Bee Kind!” The geranium is at home just south of the front steps.



In order for the 3rd graders to visit the Myers Inn it takes 6 docents to present 10 minute historical programs, 6 guides to lead the groups through the programs and a bell ringer to keep everyone on schedule.

Thanks to all who volunteer to make these visits possible.

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Calendar of Events

- May 30 Memorial Day Service at J.R. Smith Park
- May 30 from 9-3 MYERS INN OPEN HOUSE
- June 14 at 6:00 BWAHS Board Meeting
- June Program: “Making of the Atomic Bomb,”
presented by Jack Brown via YouTube
(See page one)
- June 18 10:30 Special Children’s Activities will
look at the buildings around the Square

**MYERS INN MUSEUM IS OPEN
10-3 ON SATURDAYS**

**Special Tours maybe arranged on another day
by calling 740-965-3582
leave your name and phone number**

GRE 4th Graders in Quick Visit

80 General Rosecrans Elementary 4th graders stopped by the Myers Inn on their way to visit Sunbury City Square May 19. They were divided into three groups and heard from Benjamin Carpenter’s son, Lawrence Myers’ wife and the Village Blacksmith. Thanks to Roger Roberts, Damon Bower and Polly Horn.

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**

Big Walnut Middle School Service Day at the Myers Inn

For years students of Big Walnut Middle School have helped the Sunbury Halter and Saddle 4-H Club, Big Walnut Historical Society and the American Legion mark graves of soldiers in the Big Walnut townships. Photos of those service days are on our website.

This year was a first for having them help in the Myers Inn. Damon Bower worked with a group of boys to do some clean up and maintenance for the museum. Three girls worked with Alice Chapan to arrange flowers in the our outdoor planters and centerpieces for Mother's Tea.

Another group cleaned and arranged tables and chairs, set the tables for the tea.



Learning to arrange flowers for centerpieces.



Finished Centerpieces



Easy to put flowers in planters



Disposing of trash from Cellarway



Setting up tables



Clean Cellarway



Not as easy as it looked

Grandmother Shares a Painting Done by Her Grandmother with Her Granddaughter

Grace Miller Lang gave a painting done by Emma Caroline Pierson to the Myers Inn Museum.

Emma was the daughter of Simon and Abigail Jacobus Pierson and grew up near the Condit Presbyterian Church. She taught in the Miller School and in the Wilson School (see March BWAHS Newsletter) and graduated from Antioch College. In 1891 she married Henry Paul Miller, son of William D. and Mary Paul Miller who lived 3 miles east of Galena. Henry and Emma became the parents of four sons - one was Russell Wells Miller, who would become the father of Grace Ellen (Miller) Lang and Paul Henry Miller. Their family grew up on Fairland Farm which is now the Kroger complex in Sunbury.



Amy Eberth from Kansas was a visitor with her grandmother Grace (Miller) Lang when they came to the Myers Inn Museum on May 7. They are standing in front of a painting done by Emma Caroline Pierson

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Middle School Students putting buntings on balcony and watching how to plant of the flower pots.



Positioning Bunting? OOPS!