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Our Heritage Day '22 Honorees Were Bill Kavage and Sheldon and Marie Lacker



Pyle and Kavage

President Mindy Pyle presented Bill a certificate for being a loyal society member and Trustee for many years. As Board Treasurer, he has led us to a sound financial position and walked us through several investment strategies.

As a volunteer, Bill is always ready to help with electrical and other facility problems that require several heads and hands to solve.

As a generous donor, his personal and business contributions exemplify the meaning of giving back to our community.

Sheldon and Marie were unable to attend the event but they were honored for Outstanding Service in promoting local history as volunteers with the classes, preparation and cleanup for teas and dinners, for purchasing and installing the security system, wiring lighting for displays and for having the kitchen cabinet made and for being great docents!

Students, Students, Students!

While reconstruction goes on in the front of the building, we had 122 third graders from Prairie Run School visit the Myers on October 21th. We enjoyed the many parents and grandparents who accompanied the students. All were well behaved.

Join "*The Voyage of the Mayflower*". . .



**B.W.A.H.S.
Presents
Van Young
7:00 p.m.
November 17
in Myers Inn
Museum**

While we celebrate Thanksgiving, with family and friends, we seldom take time to remember the facts behind the journey that led these people to risk everything to come to this new world.

"The story of the Mayflower voyage is really about the beginning of America and why and how the Pilgrims came to our continent. Hardships and adversity were constant. The talk tells the story behind this remarkable sailing and how the heart and soul of these forefathers led to not only their survival, but would become the model for future settlements in the new world," noted Young.

Van Young was born and raised in northeast Ohio. He has been a resident of Columbus for the past four decades. When he retired from AT&T in 2012, one of his retirement goals was to spend time studying and learning about the Civil War, and specifically the social and personal stories of that era and the effects the war still has on our society today. Using his research, Van presents programs to area history groups, senior centers, retirement villages and local colleges.

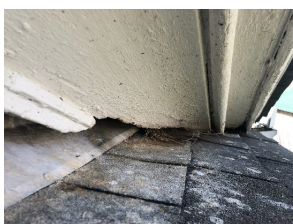
The program is free and open to anyone. No reservations are needed so start off your Thanksgiving with a little history.

End of Year Letters in Your Mail

This year the funds earned from the End-of-Year drive will be used for a scholarship to a Big Walnut area student who shows initiative in volunteering to make our community a better place in which to live.

Many organizations depend on volunteers to make the special things in our lives happen but unfortunately many young people do not see the need to volunteer as part of their lives. BWAHS wants to encourage them to make volunteering a part of their lives.

Funds raised by the Year End Donation will be matched by an anonymous donor so open your check books.



Under the Eaves, Down the Chimneys *by Damon Bower*

Often in the Spring birds have been seen spending a lot of time on our northern eave where the eave meets the ledge of the second floor. Flashing should have covered and sealed these edges, but that was not the case. After seeing pictures on the four areas on both the north and south sides, Roofing Done Right was hired to deny access to these areas for both water and birds.

While working on the eaves, Roofing Done Right was asked to inspect the three chimneys to determine if proper protective flu screens were in place. Two of the screens had none, so proper guards are now in place



Hanging of the Greens

Help us decorate the Myers Inn for the holidays at 10 a.m. Friday, November 25th. We can always use fresh greens, and Christmas red ribbon to make the rooms in the Inn photo perfect.

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 8 6:00 Board of Trustees Meeting
Nov. 20 7:00 Program "The Journey of the Mayflower" by Van Young - See page 1
Nov. 25 10:00 Hanging of the Greens in Myers Inn
Dec. 3 4-8 Christmas on the Square
**MYERS INN MUSEUM IS OPEN
9-3 ON SATURDAYS**
**Special Tours maybe arranged on another day
by calling 740-965-3582**

Christmas on the Square

Myers Inn Museum will be open for Christmas on the Square 4-8 on Saturday, December 3rd. The Lighted Parade will start at 5:30. And travel along the Granville side of the Inn.

Civil War Santa will be on the front porch for photo ops.

Inside we will offer tours, served mulled cran-apple juice and homemade cookies.

If you are able to donate a 64 ounce of bottle cranapple juice, or bake a batch of cookies, please let Polly know at 740-965-3582.



Civil War Santa



Roger Roberts

We need docents and guides for tours, servers for refreshments as well as decorators on November 25.

Watch for our Town Crier, Roger Roberts, as he moves people from event to event throughout the evening

If you attended Brent Carson's program last month on Artifacts and how they changed our lives, you will probably remember Genevieve Beaver who was sitting in the front row and knew most of the artifacts. I wrote an article in the newsletter last month on some of the family artifacts she has in her home and asked me about.

The following article was written by Jenny Kavage for the Condit Presbyterian Church Newsletter and she gave me permission to repeat it here.

Condit Friends Enjoying Life

by Jenny Kavage

It was a sunny autumn Sunday; leaf colors were at their peak. As soon as worship service was over at Condit Presbyterian Church Jane Cockrell, 97 years old, got in her car and hit the road. After a stop to pick up a drive-thru lunch, she drove directly to the home of Alma Jones, 95 years of age and another Condit member. So did Genevieve Beaver who will be 100 come January. Erlene Girberd's church didn't let out until noon so she was the last to arrive. Still in her mid-eighties, Erlene is the youngster of the group.

They were going to do the same thing they do every Sunday - spend the afternoon trying to best each other at cards and enjoying the friendship. All are widowed and all have connections to Condit Presbyterian Church.

Jane and her family started at Condit in the 1950s. Over the years she taught Sunday School, served as a trustee and elder, and was member of Friendly Club, Presbyterian Women and Faith-Filled Women. She and fellow Condit member Gladys Townley started going out to lunch together after their husbands died. Soon



Left to right: Erlene Girberd, Alma Jones, Jane Cockrell and Genevieve Beaver

the card games started. "We needed to do something," Jane recalls.

Alma, being from a large loving family, says she's the one who brought hugs to Condit. Macular Degeneration has stopped her driving so she is the perpetual hostess for the Sunday card games. The group uses cards with bigger numbers and pictures and helps her out when she turns a six upside down and thinks it's a nine. She still enjoys living in her own home and cooking. "I can't read the recipes so I have to cook what I remember," she says."

Genevieve, oldest of the group, will turn 100 in January. She was born in Homer and lived on Hartford Road east of Condit Presbyterian in her youth. Her grandmother, Margaret Curry Spearman Corbin, lived across the road from the church... Genevieve was involved in Condit activities including Bible School and she sang in the choir. She was a student at Hartford High School.

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In 1940 her senior class was selected by Life magazine for a bus trip to Washington, DC. The nation’s capital city was pictured in the magazine—still a thrill to remember.

Erlene, the scorekeeper, grew up in Condit Church where her parents, Gladys and Dudley Townley, were members. She recalls helping at the annual ox roasts and well remembers the big storm in the early 1950s that blew a tree into the east side of the church damaging the Jesus in Gethsemane picture and much of the inside of the building. Erlene was married at Condit. In time she took her mother’s place at the card table.

This day Hand and Foot was the game but their repertoire is wide including Pinochle, Progressive Rum, Euchre, Canasta and sometimes, Mexican Train. They play three or four days a week. There are eight for Euchre and a Euchre Club meets every other week where it is possible to win a \$2 top prize. One night of the week Alma and Erlene play with their daughters.

“We all have good kids and friends that help us,” Alma says. “The card games are something to look forward to.”

“Getting together to play cards helps us think positive and helps us keep our senses,” Genevieve remarks.

The smiles and camaraderie around the table indicate it’s working.

Thanks for sharing, Jenny.



Three 90+ year olds!

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