



# Old Tyme Chronicle

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## Orndorf and Neeper Become Historical Society Trustees

At the March meeting Brad Orndorf and Chad Neeper became Trustees of the Big Walnut Area Historical Society. Both men graduated from Big Walnut High School. Both men are self-employed. Orndorf lives in Porter Township and restores and remodels homes. He loves maps and collects prehistoric tools. Neeper lives in Trenton Township and owns a company which installs and services library computers. He is interested in the future. Welcome, Gentleman!

*From the President's Desk . . . .*

## On the Road

by Rick Helwig

As I enter into Spring, I begin to put my reenacting schedule together. Since I am a member of several groups, this means meshing together the different event schedules and figuring out where I am going each weekend. I already know that I will be traveling throughout Ohio and to events in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Indiana. I will leave on Friday for the long-distance events and return on Sunday or Monday having traveling 200 or 300 miles in the process.

This got me to thinking about traveling 200 years ago and how long it would take. Trips were planned out in terms of weeks and months rather than hours or days. This long time line is why Sunbury and the Myers Inn exists. At the time of Sunbury's founding there were already Indian paths running through the area. One went from Delaware to Logan. One went from Mt. Vernon to Franklinton via Worthington - Galena Road. In 1820, the Indian path became a road from Mt. Vernon to Franklinton. In the case of the Mt. Vernon to Franklinton run, you boarded the stage coach first thing in the morning and traveled to just south of Centerburg. By that time, it was noon, so you stopped to have lunch (Continue on Page 2)

*Coming April 11 at 7:00. . .*

Alayna Boyer, a candidate for our scholarship, will make a presentation at 7:00 p.m. to all who attend the meeting prior to the regularly scheduled program. All are invited to meet her and hear her presentation.

*“The Titanic – What you do and don't know!”*



By  
Van  
Young

*Painting by Willy Stoewer*

When the RMS Titanic sunk on April 15, 1912, America was in shock. Billed as unsinkable, the Titanic remains the deadliest peacetime sinking of a superliner or cruise ship. When the ship sank, many of the lifeboats that had been lowered were only about half full, much to the demise of the 1,500+ people who went down with the ship. Learn about the events of this maiden voyage and some unique trivia and facts that will surprise and astound you.

Young will begin his presentation at 7:30 following the scholarship presentation.

## Mother's Day Tea

Mother's Day Tea will be held at 1:00 Saturday, May13th in the Myers Inn. High tea with savories, scones and sweets will be served. Servers are still needed.

Reservations may be made by text or phone call to **614-505-9194**. Fee is by donation taken at the tea.

# NEW MEMBERSHIP REMINDER FORM

For a number of years the Membership Committee has sent annual reminders when memberships were due. The formal letter format took a lot of time to produce and used a lot of paper. In an effort to simplify the process and reach members in a timely manner, a new membership form has been developed that:

1. Expresses the "Role of BWAHS in the Community"
2. Lists "Volunteer Opportunities"
3. Notes "Benefits of Membership"

All while providing sufficient space for members to complete normal renewal information.

**LOOK FOR THE NEW FORM IN THE MAIL AS YOUR EXPIRATION DATE NEARS!**

*Let the Committee Know What You Think.*

*Membership Committee consists of Damon Bower, Carol Norris and Mel Meyers.*

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while the stagecoach changed horses. Then you traveled from this stop to Sunbury, where you spent the night at the Myers Inn. The

next day, you left first thing in the morning and traveled just south of Westerville, again stopping for lunch and another horse change.

You were then on your final leg arriving at your destination in the evening.

Tomorrow you will conduct your business. Can you imagine saying "I am going down to the State Capital, See you next week!"

**See you at the Myers Inn. Rick**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 11 at 6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting
- April 11 at 7:00 p.m. Scholarship Presentation
- April 11 at 7:30 p.m. Program, "The Titanic - What You Do and Don't Know!" by Van Young
- May 13 at 1:00 Mother's Day Tea. Reservations required - see page 1

**Myers Inn Museum & Gift Shop are Open 10-3 on Saturdays**

**Call 740-965-3582 to schedule**

## 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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