



# Old Tyme Chronicle

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Coming at 7:00 Wednesday, February 15 . . .

## New Members

Our Membership Committee reports we have five new members to the Big Walnut Area Historical Society.

**Ryan Linnabary**  
**Paul Miller**  
**Shirley Olinger**  
**Brad Orndorf**  
**Sue Repoush**  
**Bill Walker**

Thank you for joining our local historical society. We look forward to sharing our history with you and to getting your input.

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

## From the Presidents's Desk . . .

by Rick Helwig

Please forgive me for misquoting Shakespeare. Some are born leaders, some achieve leadership, and some have leadership thrust upon them. My journey as a leader seems to have followed the third path. Leadership has been thrust upon me. Okay, that maybe a little strong, but I have never sought to be a leader. I am just as happy to follow as I am to lead. Yes, when asked to lead, I have never said no. (I really do need to learn to say that word). For some reason, people keep asking me to lead. My election as President of the Big Walnut Area Historical Society is the tenth time I have been asked to serve as the head of an organization. I currently serve as the president (or equivalent) for three organizations and the secretary and/or treasurer for four organizations. Now you see why I need to learn the word NO.

Being asked so often to lead, I did some thinking about what makes a good (Continue on page 2)



Van Young

## “Presidential and White House Trivia”

Van Young is returning to the Big Walnut Area Historical Society to talk about White House Trivia on Wednesday, February 15. The program will

begin at 7:00 in the Myers Inn Museum Meeting Room. Admission is free.

How many U.S. presidents have there been? Which president got married in the White House? Who was our youngest president? This talk takes you through some of the most unusual and little known facts about our Commanders in Chief, and the house they lived in. From George Washington to Joe Biden, the audience will participate and learn about our more famous U.S. Presidents, as well as many of their quirks and habits. A great President's Day way to learn about and better understand our Chief Executive Officers."

Born and raised in Ohio, Van has lived in Columbus for almost 40 years, Since he retired in 2012 from AT&T, he has spent much of his time doing research on the civil war and other historical events and then presenting programs to historical groups.

Van is active in two area civil war organizations and is president of The Worthington Griswold History group that meets on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at the Griswold Center, in Worthington. Everyone here is welcome to attend those meetings, which are free of charge.

**Visit Myers Inn Museum 10-3 on Saturdays!**

President Helwig (Continue from page1)

I did some thinking about what makes a good leader? First, you have to be organized. Second, you need to learn how to run a meeting. Third you need to be a problem solver and remain calm when trouble arises. Fourth, you need to instill confidence in those under you that you know what you are doing and conversely, that you have confidence in them. Finally, you need to be able to make a decision and stick to it.

The Big Walnut Area Historical Society is lead by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Curator and nine trustees. As of this writing, the positions of Vice President, and five Trustees are vacant. That is the bad news. The good news is that this provides an opportunity to serve our organization and not invest a lot of time. The trustees meet once per month (6 pm on the second Tuesday) for about an hour. That is all of the time commitment we ask. Of course, we would like to have you give more time if you are able.

So, do you have the skills listed above? Are you a born leader? Have you had leadership thrust upon you? Then please consider serving your Big Walnut Area Historical Society as an officer or trustee. If you would like more details, please contact us, we will be in touch.

See you at the Inn,

Rick

# Calendar of Events

February 14 at 6 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 15 at 7 p.m. Program "Presidential and White House Trivia" with Van Young  
Meetings are in the Myers Inn Museum Meeting Room unless otherwise noted

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