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From the President's Desk

by Rick Helwig

Recently, I perfected a method for digitizing glass slides and glass negatives. I mentioned the ability to do this to BWAHS Curator Polly Horn. She told me about a collection of glass negatives had been donated to the Historical Society and perhaps I could scan those slides so that the images could be made viewable. Recently, I took possession of these negatives and have digitized them. Most of the negatives are undatable, but from the few that are, they are from the early 20th Century. In other words, 100 years old.

While engaged in the task of processing these pictures, I got to thinking about a conversation I had with Lenny Lepola. For those who don't know Lenny, for many years, Lenny documented activities and happenings around Sunbury for the *Sunbury News* and the *Delaware Gazette*. Usually, taking lots and lots of photographs of the event. These 1000s of photos were the topic of the conversation. We were talking about how technology is constantly changing and if we don't continually transfer data from an old format to a new one, we will quickly become unable to access them. In fact, that had already happened to Lenny. He had pictures on media he couldn't access anymore. All of those pictures are already inaccessible to future generations of historians.

As people who are interested in preserving history, we not only need to preserve the past for future generations, we must also work to preserve the present for the future. Think about all of the pictures you have stored on your phone and computer. All of the text messages and social media posts that exist in your little corner of cyberspace. In 100 years, will a future historian have anything to look at from the early 21st Century?

See you at the Inn!

Rick

Coming at 7:30 on March 14

Freemasonry in the Big Walnut Community

Imagine the Town Hall in Sunbury being only two stories (Masons built the third floor) or the post office building in Galena not even being there. These are just two of the lasting contributions that Freemasonry (Masons) has made in the Big Walnut Community. Join Worshipful Master Rick Helwig as he discusses the 200 year long history of Freemasonry in the Big Walnut Community on March 14, at 7:30 pm at the Myers Inn.

Ohioan Helwig was raised in Defiance, graduated from The Defiance College in 1985 with a BS in Secondary Math Education. In 1987, Rick moved to his maternal family farm in Eastern Delaware Co. and with his parents opened a multifaceted business in Sunbury. He then worked for the Delaware County Board of Elections for 14 years.

Rick is the current President of the Big Walnut Area Historical Society, Worshipful Master of Sparrow Lodge #400 F & A.M. of Ohio and is the Director of the Center for Ghost Town Research in Ohio. Rick is involved in many Masonic organizations, and living history groups.

Mother-Daughter Tea

Traditionally BWAHS holds a tea to celebrate all the mothers before Mothers Day, May13th this year.

To do the tea, we need bakers, servers, stagers and cleanup crews. We need enough so each person only has to do what they are comfortable doing.

If you are willing to help with this event please call Alice Lacher at 614-505-9194 or call 740-965-3582 and leave your name and phone number. Someone will get back to you.



GALENA HISTORIC FOUNDATION

PRESENTS – DAYS GONE BY EVENT
WITH

**MARGARET ARNOLD – OF THE SUNBURY
COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

PRESENTATION - DELAWARE COUNTY MEMORY

DATE MARCH 4TH 2023

TIME 1:00 P.M.

GALENA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
109 HARRISON STREET - GALENA

Community Library serves all the Big Walnut School District. They collect and post photos and articles to Delaware County Memory website where everyone may use them. Margaret Arnold, the library historian, will present the program about how it works and how to access it. Bring your stories to share.

Following the program there will be refreshments and you may visit the Galena historical collection.

See you March 4, at 1:00.

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Why Daylight Saving Time?

There is evidence early man changed his time to fit the sun. Benjamin Franklin suggested people getting up an hour earlier would burn fewer candles.

During WWI in 1918, President Woodrow Wilson signed **Fast Time** into law to support the war effort but it was repealed 7 months later.

During WWII the switch was called **War Time**. The law also established the five time zones as we know them today.

President Lyndon Johnson signed the **Uniform Time Act of 1966**. In 1967, the Ohio Senate elected to make it 7 months a year (last Sunday in March to last Sunday in October). Our Ohio representative, Ken Creasy, campaigned against it and voted that way.* Local farmers were against it but city golfers wanted it.

During the oil embargo, **Daylight Savings Time (DST)** was stretched to 10 months in 1974 and back to 8 in 1975 - reported statics said 10,000 barrels per day were saved.

President George Bush's Energy Policy Act of 2005 extended **DST** to eight months a year from second Sunday in March to first Sunday in November.

*From *The Sunbury News*, January 26, 1967.

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