



# Old Tyme Chronicle

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## BWAHS Awards 2 Scholarships

Thanks to our End of Year Donors, the historical society awarded 2 scholarships to local students who will be furthering their education to help in their career choices. This year's scholarships were awarded to Clara Bowser and Kaylyn Huber.

A committee consisting of former BWAHS president Mindy Pyle and Trustee Mel Meyers worked with the Big Walnut Local School and local homeschool groups to find students looking for scholarships. Candidates could write a 1000 word essay or compose a similar PowerPoint presentation, which they presented to the BWAHS Trustees. Each Trustee ranked the applications based on how the candidates followed the criteria in their presentation.



*Clara Bowser*

Clara moved here from the state of Washington a year ago so she had to look up our unique history. The first Ohio State Fair butter cow made of Sunbury Creamery Butter caught her attention but athletics is her first love and she found many famous athletes in the local history. She is disappointed that so few people follow the local teams. Clara will use her money for tools needed for cosmetology school.



*Kaylyn Huber*

Kaylyn's family moved to Sunbury from Lewis Center when she was 12. She was fascinated with the local history and the people who lived it. She made suggestions for the future of the community and schools and hopes Sunbury keeps its small town attitude.

"I am absolutely honored to receive this award on behalf of the Big Walnut Historical Society. I will be using the money awarded to attend Middle Tennessee State University, majoring in Music Management with an emphasis in Music Business. From there I will gain an internship at a local record label or management firm and pursue my dreams in the music industry."

## *Coming to Myers Inn, Tuesday, June 11...*

### Stagecoach Era in Central Ohio

Becky Cornett will present the program beginning at 7:30 in the Myers Inn Museum Meeting Room. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served in the 1816 Myers' house which served as a tavern even before the stagecoachs came in after 1820.

The Stagecoach Era in Central Ohio is a story of the development of modern transportation, economic development and communication among villages, towns, and cities near and far.

Central Ohio claims part of the famous National Road, which was key to westward expansion - and was "loaded" with stagecoaches, wagons, inns and taverns. Stagecoaches were also integral to the development of the US Postal Service throughout the United States. Sunbury's history as a stagecoach town features its own Myers Inn (Sunbury Tavern) which was built at the intersection of 2 Indian Trails - which latter became the intersection of two popular stagecoach routes.

Dr. Becky Sutherland Cornett is a retired health care administrator (Ohio State U) who has developed a volunteer "career" centering around national, state and local history. Since 2020, she has been the moderator of Ohio History Alive!, a feature of the Ohio History Connection's Conestoga Society.

Cornett has also served on the board of the Delaware County Historical Society, and also conducts research and contributes articles to that organization. In Spring, 2023, Cornett taught the six-week Ohio Wesleyan U. Lifelong Learning Institute course "An Armchair Tour of Delaware County and Its History" with her colleague, OWU student Ronan Thompson.

Becky is a member of BWAHS and has served as a docent in the Myers Inn Museum which faces the Sunbury Square at the intersection of South Columbus and Granville Streets.

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**Calendar of Events**

June 11 at 6 p.m. BWAHS Trustees Meeting

June 11 at 7:30 BWAHS Program: "Stagecoach Era in Central Ohio by Becky Cornett, *details on Page 1*

**Joining BWAHS is Easy . . . .**

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Sunbury, OH 43074

**Middle School Service Day**

*By Damon Bower*

For several years Big Walnut's Middle School has provided student volunteers and teachers to assist area not-for-profits for one morning in the Spring.

Friday May 10th (thankfully a time without rain), eight students and a teacher helped Chris Killeya and Damon Bower improve the following areas: washed down front entrance woodwork and windows inside and out; removed rust from rear handrail; rearranged some barn storage areas; applied landscape mesh around outside of barn, trimmed apple tree and straighten wood/stones beneath rear staircase.

Many thanks to Principal Josh Frame, the students and teacher who not only worked hard but learned about the Inn's history and displays before beginning work.

"I am grateful Damon and Chris were available to do the supervising which makes this a good event for both the students and the Myers Inn Museum," noted Polly Horn.

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