



# Old Tyme Chronicle

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## Coming May 14 at 7:30 to Myers Inn... Early Delaware County Settler, Irena Carpenter

Via pre-recorded video, Sherry Carmichael plays Irena Carpenter, who was the matriarch of possibly the first white family to settle in Delaware County. In character, Sherry describes the Carpenter family's moves from Connecticut to central New York and then in 1801 to what became Liberty Township.



*Sherry Carmichael*

Sherry wrote the historical fiction script based on an account of the journey written by a descendant that appears in the 1880 Baskin's History of Delaware County. Documented facts are used where available and are supplemented by plausible guesses at the hardships and missing facts. Sherry will be present to answer any questions after viewing the video.

Allen Miller was the videographer of the video, filming it in the Martin-Powell House on Olentangy Street in Powell. Miller and Carmichael are both members of the Powel Liberty Historical Society. Admission is free.

## Big Walnut Middle School Volunteer Day

Volunteer Day is held by the Middle School staff to give students an opportunity to volunteer and give back to the community. Damon Bower will be in charge of supervising the students as they volunteer to complete tasks at the Myers Inn Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. He needs more adults to assist him. Please call Damon at 614-745-4375.

## Spring Brings Classes to the Inn

by Polly Horn

Why do teachers bring their students to the Myers Inn? Third graders study local history so a trip adds to the classroom studies.

Back in the mid 1970s Sunbury Elementary School (on Harrison Street) walked their students to Community Library which was located in the Town Hall on the Sunbury Square. With an armload of old photos in ziplock bags, we would walk around the square stopping at each building while I told about it and the students looked at the photos. A teacher, parent or librarian collected the photos in the back of the line. Galena and Souders students came in buses but the walk was the same.

Classes got bigger until the library had to buy a portable microphone so a hundred 3<sup>rd</sup> graders could hear me over the trucks. It began to take too long to pass the photos through the lines so I made slides of the photos and took slide shows to the schools for the third graders. Of course I also had to take an A.V. cart with a projector, a screen and the carousel of slides because the schools did not have the equipment. I actually had different slides for the different schools so the children would see photos from their community.

Still there were more and more 3<sup>rd</sup> graders per school and another school, Big Walnut Elementary moved into the former Middle School. Technology changed so I could make a Microsoft Powerpoint of the slides which I would take to each elementary school and show to all the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the building at the same time before they visited the Myers Inn. Now I carried only a flashdrive and a small pointer in my pocket.

In 2020 I went to the new Prairie Run Elementary to show the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders the powerpoint but it would not work. The schools had switched from Microsoft to Google computers. I added a script to the powerpoint and took it to Ashley Hornbaker at (Go to Page 2)

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### Calendar of Events

May 14 at 6:00 p.m. BWAHS Board Meeting  
May 14 at 7:30 p.m. Program: Sherry Carmichael  
as Irena Carpenter, Early Settler  
May 16 at 12:30 GRE 4<sup>th</sup> Graders  
**MYERS INN MUSEUM IS OPEN**  
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P.C. Knights. She saved the new program as a YouTube program unber Big Walnut History. It is accessible to anyone through our website, There are now 8 local history programs available.

### BEST LAID PLANS

While I was taking you on a trip down memory lane, we were getting ready for a visit of 87 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from Souders to arrive at 10:15 Friday morning, April 26. The volunteer speakers and guides were ready including 3 first time guides. My costume was laundered, sour dough working, everything in its place.

Probably 6 or more years ago, I had ask Alice Lacher to back me up, just in case. Time went by and I forgot about it. Thursday morning I woke up so sick I could barely talk. A trip to Ohio Health determined I had the flu. I made a head's up text to Alice and went to bed.

Friday I was even worse. Alice ask Pat Kletrovetz and Jan Pierson, both former guides, to lead my session in the 1816 House. Roger Roberts made a dash to pick up my grandmother's school bell which signaled time fore classes to move.

To add to Alice's day, a bus was late. Thankfully everyone pulled together and the children learned some local history. **MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!**

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