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From the President's Desk . . .

Communication Challenges Between Eastern Patriots and Ohio Valley Settlers

by Mike Wise

Revolution was heating up in the East, settlers on the frontier often felt isolated, out of the loop, and left to fend for themselves. The "united" colonies were not all that united when it came to reliable, timely communication over such a vast and dangerous distance.

First, messages had to be sent by riders on horseback or by messengers on foot, sometimes taking weeks to travel from Philadelphia or Boston to a settlement just in western Pennsylvania. One of the few traces, Braddock's Road, was cut by British General Edward Braddock's army during the French and Indian War (1755) and ran from Cumberland, Maryland, toward Pittsburgh (then called Fort Pitt). Used by traders, settlers, and armies heading west, such routes were rough, often little more than widened animal paths or narrow wagon tracks. The further west one went, the narrower these "roads" became. Such trails served as the main overland links between the eastern colonies and the Ohio Valley at the dawn of the Revolution.

Second, priorities were different. In the East, the focus was on organizing armies, establishing governments, and responding to the British military presence. Settlers in the Ohio Valley were more concerned with immediate survival—dealing with Indian raids, bandits, food shortages, and establishing their homesteads. Even when messages got through, there was often a disconnect: the call from the East for unity, coordinated resistance, and help usually went unheeded, a victim of the frontier's day-to-day pressing realities.

Finally, there was a lack of infrastructure. The Continental Congress had just begun to consider how to coordinate the colonies, but no real system for communicating with the far frontier yet (Goto Page 2).

Coming to Myers Inn at 7:30 September 9th



**Gregory
Edmonds**

"Double Victory: The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen."

Gregory L. Edmonds will return to the Myers Inn to present "Double Victory: The Story of the Tuskegee Airman."

You will learn the history of their service to our country during WWII and how they won a double victory against obstacles at home and overseas. The presentation includes a showing of the 10-minute film "Double Victory" followed by a Powerpoint which covers whose shoulders the Tuskegee Airmen stood upon and their legacy through youth today.

Mr. Edmonds was born and raised in New Jersey, graduated from Seton Hall University where he obtained his B.A. in History in 1974. He retired from Westfield Insurance Company in January 2018. He is currently self-employed as an Insurance Consultant, Arbitrator, Appraiser and Mediator with The Edmonds Group LLC.

Gregory has lived in Columbus with his wife the past 23 years. He currently proudly serves as President of the Ohio Memorial Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Inc. which covers Central Ohio and includes association with a Youth Aviation group, Buckeye Tigers, that exposes boys and girls ages 12-18 to careers in Aerospace.

Labor Day Garage Sale 9-12

The maintenance committee has been sorting and evaluating items stored in the Carriage House so it can be renovated in the future as a work area, storage area and maybe a small display area. To accomplish this, the majority of existing items must be removed. These items are extra doors, windows, boards and miscellaneous things stored in case they were needed.

Myers Inn Museum Open 9-3 Labor Day

Once Again We Say Goodbye

by Polly Horn

Genevieve Spearman Beaver died August 2nd after 102 years on this earth. For most of my childhood I lived at 210 E. Granville Street surrounded by the Beaver Dairy Farm. A development company bought the farm to build Sunbury Gardens and Ben and Genevieve Beaver moved to Carters Corner Road to what would become the Beaver Family Century Farm. They were married 63 years before Ben died.

Genevieve served 21 years as a Community Library Trustee which included the years when the Hopkins House was given to Community Library. She had just celebrated her 100th birthday when she attended her last Big Walnut Historical Society meeting at which Brent Carson showed items from yesteryear and Genevieve knew them all.



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existed. News mainly traveled by word of mouth by trappers and traders, and rumors often outpaced facts. By the time information reached the Ohio Valley, it could be outdated or distorted.

All of this meant that in the summer of 1775, while the Revolution was heating up in the East, settlers on the frontier often felt isolated, out of the loop, and left to fend for themselves. The "united" colonies were not all that united when it came to reliable, timely communication over such a vast and dangerous distance.

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Following Car Hitting Building. . . RENOVATION BEGINS

By Damon Bower

After receiving bids from three area contractors, Orndorf Construction was awarded the contract at the July's Board Meeting. The Auto-Owners Insurance estimator had visited the site and quickly sent a detailed estimate (less the cost of the stone work since it was so unusual). Orndorf's bid



Brad Orndorf Begins

included all the work and was higher than the initial estimate, but Auto—Owners agreed to reimburse at the higher cost due our wanting the stone work and railings to match the original material. We are pleased with Auto-Owners attention to the claim and that the repair work has started as shown above.

Myers Inn Museum Needs A New Roof

Once again, the roof on the museum needs to be replaced. Bids have been taken and Trustees are applying for a State Grant to help with the cost.

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