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Treat Your Valentine to Lunch in the Myers Inn

11-1 Saturday, February 9



HOMEMADE

Soup

Salad

Dessert

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Celebrate the 16th President's 110th Birthday

The Lincoln You Never Knew

Roy Nichols will challenge all who think they know the facts about President Lincoln when he presents "The Lincoln You Never Knew" to the Big Walnut Area Historical Society at 7:30, on Lincoln's Birthday Tuesday, February 12, in the Myers Inn Museum Meeting Room. The program is free and open to the public.



Roy Nichlos

Nichols graduated from Ashland High School and got his B.A. from Gordon College in Massachusetts in 1967 and a M.A.T from Oberlin College in 1968. He taught history and American government in Midview High School in Grafton, Ohio, while he attended law classes and earned his law degree from Cleveland-Marshall Law School in 1972.

From 1972-75 Roy served as the Assistant Counsel for Ohio Secretary of State (in Elections division). From 1975 to 1979 he was Chief of the Corporations Division for Ohio Secretary of State. From 1979-1983 he served as Chief of Legal Services Division of Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (Legislative Liasion for DRC). From 1983-2007 he was in private law practice but taught classes at Columbus State and other local colleges.

Upon retirement he formed Nicholsworth Presentations and gives historical talks on a variety of subjects, is a Professional Storyteller and plays Santa. He is a member of Vaudvillities cast member (3 shows per year); Hanby House volunteer; Church choir; Silvertones Chorus; enjoys karaoke and ballroom dancing; Forever Young Theater Group (once per year); Gillie Payers (3 plays per year); Underground Railroad Study Group.

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Thanks End-of-Year Campaign

Thankfully various donations are received throughout the year from our individual and business members. These donations can include historical artifacts or cash gifts that enable us to maintain the facility, participate in events and develop new programs.

For the past three years a special solicitation from our President has asked for end-of-year donations that may be used for tax deduction purposes. This year we were blessed in receiving positive responses from 16 members ranging from \$25 to \$1,000 from our members.

We certainly "thank them" for the \$2,100 received to date.

One immediate place where these funds can be used is to help pay for the complete exterior painting of the siding and trim work of the entire facility which will be done this year.

First Wedding in the Museum

Myers inn Museum has seen various social events from bridge games to memorial services, to birthday parties to Golden Anniversary parties. Businesses have rented the facilities for board retreats and training sessions while recently a neighborhood group held their meeting here. January 5th was the first wedding in the building since it became the property of Big Walnut Area Historical Society.

Lisa Gentile and George Robinson were looking for a family venue so the grandchildren would be a part of their special day. A daughter made the table directions and another the punch. A son-in-law who is a pastor in Obetz performed the service in front of the fire in the 1816 room. Lunch was catered by Oak Hill Barbeque and members of the family. All was picture perfect.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are new members of the historical society and wish to become active in it. Their family enjoyed tours of the Inn and noted George had donated a Little Lord Fauntleroy jacket housed in the Loom Room.

If you are interested in renting the facilities, talk with Polly Horn about the specifics.

Calendar of Events

- 9 Feb. 11-1:00 **Valentine Luncheon**
- 12 Feb. 6:00 - BWAHS Board Meeting
- 12 Feb. 7:30 - Program: "The Lincoln You Never Knew," by Roy Nichols
- 19 Feb. 10:30 BWAHS Stories in Community Library
- 12 Mar. 6:00 - BWAHS Board Meeting
- 12 Mar. 7:30 - Program: "Stadiums, Gyms, Athletic Fields in Delaware County" by Brent Carson
- 16 Mar. 10:30 BWAHS Stories in Community Library

All Events Are in Myers Inn Museum Unless Otherwise Noted

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Roy is active in Faith Covenant Church, Blendon Senior Center, Westerville Senior Center, Gillie Rec Center, Storytellers of Central Ohio, 2 Civil War Round Table Groups; Ohio History Connection; Hanby House in Westerville; Delaware County Historical Society and the Griswold Center in Worthington.

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND YOUR EMAIL TO BE SURE THE PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN CANCELLED BEFORE YOU DRIVE TO THE MYERS INN.

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Joining BWAHS is Easy

Circle One:

*Individual \$20, Family \$35, Business 10 or fewer employees \$50,
 Business 11-99 employees \$75, Business 100 or more employees \$100,
 Patron \$100, Other ?*

Name _____

Address or P. O. Box _____

Town _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Email Address _____

Send with check for dues to BWAHS

**P.O. Box 362
 Sunbury, OH 43074**

Bring a Friend or Family. . . .

Valentine Luncheon 11-1 Saturday, February 9

For many years, the historical society has sponsored a luncheon near Valentine's Day. Homemade food is the feature of the day. Soup and salad with dessert and beverages in a relaxed setting is good for couples, singles, or families.

No reservations are needed. Just show up. They will stop serving at 1:00 or when the food is gone. No fee is charged, but it is a fund raiser for the BWAHS so we hope you will be generous with your donations.

Alice Chapan is chairing the event this year. If you can help her, please contact her at 740-965-1942.

Memorabilia Adds to Our Knowledge

When his friend Lucille Kendrick Lucas died in 2017, Dale Brandon waited until her estate was settled before bringing her memorabilia of Sunbury to the historical society. Our website made it easy to locate. He brought the items on a Friday when Suzanne Allen was docent. See some of the items and story on page 4.

Membership Update

Since the beginning of the year,
9 memberships have been renewed.

Welcome to our New Members

Mark Brown,
Travis and Fallon Cooperrider,
Judy Froehlich,
George and Lisa Robinson.

Share Your Love of History. . . .

Time to Help with History Based Stories at the Library

As part of our Winter Reading Club activities, we are super excited to announce the kick-off of "Stories from Big Walnut Area Historical Society." The first session will be Saturday, February 16th from 10:30- 11:30 at Community Library.

BWAHS volunteers are partnering with Community Library Staff to offer a monthly historical story-telling adventure for elementary students grades 1-4. History will come alive with costumed readers, books about historical time periods, activities, and art projects.

February focus will be the Wild West and we may just have a real-life cowboy on hand. "Stories from the Big Walnut Area Historical Society" will continue on the third Saturday of each month throughout 2019."

To volunteer to help this program, contact BWAHS Vice President Brian Moore at 614-581-4304.

Myers Inn Museum & Gift Shop

OPEN

**12-3 Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays
10-3 on Saturdays**

facing southwest corner of Sunbury Square

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Memorabilia of Sunbury Grad

Dorothy Lucile Kendrick was born October 27, 1909, in Mt. Sterling, OH, the third child of farmer William H. and Dora (Merrill) Kendrick. Her sister Hazel was born in 1894 and her brother Ralph born in 1898.

In 1913, Hazel married Ralph Williams and did not move to Delaware County with the family.

Between 1910 and 1916, the family settled on a farm near Berkshire. Dorothy's brother Ralph was 19 when he married Evalyn K. Wigton, daughter of Charles and Eva Wigton, in 1917 in Delaware. On the 1920 census, Hazel's 5 year old son Paul C. Williams is living with Lucille and her parents in Berkshire

Township, in Delaware County.

Dorothy Lucile Kendrick attended the Berkshire School 1916-1924. Her grade card for 1922-23 school year shows all E's(95-100) and G's(75 to 89). Her teacher was W. Strawn. After completing the 8th grade, she went to Sunbury High School on Harrison Street. She graduate in 1928. Her class graduation composite is on display in the Myers Inn.

Following graduation, Lucille (changed spelling of name) she went to business school and lived in a woman's boarding house in Columbus. Upon completion of her education she worked as a bookkeeper in the banking industry.

On July 19, 1936 she married Doyle Devere Lucas in Franklin County. Although they were married almost 50 years they had no children.



BERKSHIRE SCHOOL POSTCARD

Girl with blue check is **Dorothy Kendrick**, boy 3rd from right in front with a light blue check is probably her nephew **Paul C. Williams**

Last name		First name and initial													Delaware County School District		
Kendrick		Dorothy Lucile													PUPIL'S REPORT CARD		
19		Grade 7													Room		
SCHOOL YEAR	Days Absent	Health	Conduct	Appearance	Effort	Reading and Literature	Spelling	Pennmanship	Grammar	Arithmetic	Geography	History	Music	Drawing	Physiology and Hygiene	Science	1 or E-95 to 100
19	Ab.	T.	H.	C.	P. A.	E.H.	R.&L.	L.&C.	Sp.	Gr.	Ar.	Ge.	H. & G.	M.	D.	N.S.	2 or G-75 to 89
19	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	3 or F-60 to 74
Sept.																	4 or U-40 to 59
Oct.																	5 or VP-Less than 40
Nov.																	
Dec.	1																
Jan.																	
Exam							85	66	80		28	73	57	84			80

Signature of Teacher: W. Strawn

Last name		First name and initial													Delaware County School District		
Kendrick		Dorothy Lucile													PUPIL'S REPORT CARD		
19		Grade 8													Room		
SCHOOL YEAR	Days Absent	Health	Conduct	Appearance	Effort	Reading and Literature	Spelling	Pennmanship	Grammar	Arithmetic	Geography	History	Music	Drawing	Physiology and Hygiene	Science	1 or E-95 to 100
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Apr.																	
May																	
June																	
Exam							100	92	85		30	67	57				50

Promoted to 8th Grade

Doyle died in 1985 and is buried in Green Lawn Cemetery.

Dale Brandon knew her when she was a bookkeeper and continued to assist her with financial matters and health issues until she died at 95. Thanks, Dale!



Classmates at 50th Reunion: Leroy Perfect, Lawrence Clark, Clarence Clark, Lucille Kenrick, Esther McCormick, Mildred Searles and Marie Metzger