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Sixth Graders Visit Inn

On May 2, 32 sixth graders and their teachers visited the Myers Inn Museum while their classmates were at Outdoor Camp. Mindy Pyle, Damon Bower and Brian Moore each provided a program for the visitors. Pyle had a time-line game, Moore used old photos to show what used to be in places around the square, and Bower took his groups to the statue to learn about the statue and glacial erratics.

Horn at American History Classes

On May 8, Polly Horn presented a PowerPoint to Big Walnut American History classes. Based on the decades from 1950 thru 1999, she showed in pictures what was happening in the world, in the U.S.A. and how it effected life in Sunbury. Since the classes had been studying these five decades, the teachers thought the addition of local photos would help them relate to the changes in clothing, hair-dos, use of buildings, family life and of course the growth in the community.

Sunbury went from a farming community with a population of 936 people to a commuting community of 2630 people. In 1950 most families had stay-at-home Moms who became a major volunteer force for school, churches and community events. By 1999 families needed 2 incomes, and 2 cars so most Moms are in the work force and Child Care became a big employer.

Inventions like mobile phones, home computers, cable TV, NASA, birth control pills, and cellular phones made a major impact on our lives. We lived thru Cold War, Korean War and Conflicts from Vietnam thru Iraq, and Afghanistan, First Peace March, Civil Rights, and Women's Rights.

200 students were divided into 4 sessions to watch the presentations. "I learned a lot," commented Horn.

Hanging of Mary Surratt and the Lincoln Conspiracy



Mary Surratt, Lewis Powell, David Herold, George Atzerodt

Van Young will present "The Hanging of Mary Surratt and the Lincoln Conspiracy to the Big Walnut Area Historical Society at 7:30 Tuesday, June 11, in the Myers Inn Museum Meeting Room. This program is free admission to anyone interested in history.



Mary Surratt

On July 7, 1865, Mary Surratt was hanged alongside three others convicted of playing a part in the plot to assassinate Abraham Lincoln. Was Mary Elizabeth Jenkins Surratt, a collaborator in the plot to kill the country's 16th president? Or a victim of circumstances?

In the talk, we learn about the life of this convicted conspirator, her arrest, and eventual trial. She indeed was the first woman to be executed by the U.S. federal government. Was it justified or a travesty of justice?

Van Young was born and raised in northeast Ohio. He
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has been a resident of Columbus for the last 38 years.



Van Young

One of his retirement goals was to spend time studying and learning about the Civil War, and specifically the social and personal stories of that era. Since his retirement from AT&T in 2012, Van has become active with two Central Ohio civil war organizations and is the current President of the Griswold History

Study Group that meets on Monday mornings at the Worthington senior center. It is free of charge and everyone is invited.

With twenty six American history and current event topics, Van presents to area history groups, senior centers, retirement villages and local colleges. He has four grandchildren, plays pickleball, and looks forward to visiting many of the battlefields and museums associated with the Civil War, and our unique and fascinating American history. As he likes to say, "Remember, we are living history."

Mother's Day Tea

Twelve people enjoyed the Mother's Day Tea on May 4th.

"I want to thank all the bakers, workers and mothers who attended," said Alice Chapan, chair of the event.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11 June 6:00 - BWAHS Board Meeting

11 June 7:30 - Program: "The Hanging of Mary Surratt and the Lincoln Conspiracy" by Van Young

15 June 10:30 BWAHS Stories in Community Library

4 July 9:30-4 OPEN HOUSE in Myers Inn

9 July 6:00 - BWAHS Board Meeting

9 July 7:30 - Program: "History of the Center Inn," by Amy Welsh

**All Events Are in Myers Inn Museum
Unless Otherwise Noted**

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