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American Legion Honors Warren Owen



At their May 23 meeting, American Legion Post 457 gave Warren Owen the Community Service Award for his volunteer service to the community.

Scott Block noted “Warren has been a resident of Sunbury all his life, and is dedicated to making the Village of Sunbury a great place to live, attend school and work. He rarely misses a council meeting and is well known for "speaking out" on topics and issues that he feels strongly about.

“Warren has been an active member of the Big Walnut Area Historical Society for many years. He is always there whenever they have an Event or Program.

“For the past 10+ years the Big Walnut Area Historical Society, the Sunbury Halter & Saddle 4-H members and American Legion Post 457 have partnered to identify all the Veteran's graves in the Big Walnut area cemeteries and place a flag holder and flag on each grave. Warren is always there helping with this project, as well as many others around the Village.

“Colonel Benson Hough American Legion Post 457 is pleased to present the 2019 Individual Community Service Award to Warren Owen. Post 457 members offer their heartfelt thanks to you for all you do for our community,” said Block.

On the same evening, David Anthony received the 2019 Business Community Service Award given to Anthony Dental Care for outstanding service to the community.



Center Inn, Past and Present

Amy Welsh, a BWAHS Trustee and resident of the Center Inn will present its history to the Big Walnut Area Historical Society at 7:30 Tuesday, July 9, in the Myers Inn Museum Meeting Room. Admission is free to the program.

Even before stage coaches began running through the community in 1820, there were taverns or inns where travelers could safely spend a night. Lawrence Myers opened his one room tavern at *(Continue on Page 3)*

2019 Archives Crawl

For those of you who like genealogy and local history...come join the 2019 Archives Crawl. This month long event will take place in July and is an opportunity to raise awareness about the value of archives and local history.

Each of the host repositories which includes the Myers Inn Museum, has its own unique collection full of interesting pieces of local history. Take this opportunity to visit some of these repositories and learn about the information they preserve.

The goal of the Archives Crawl is to visit as many of *(Continue on page 2)*

BWAHS Members Read Stories at Community Library

Interested in reading to children? July story will be based on the American Revolution and the August program will honor National Farmers' Month. Community Library staff selects the theme for the month and make the crafts to go with the theme.

The programs are held at 10:30 on the third Saturday morning of the month. Anyone wishing to help with the program contact Brian Moore, 614-581-4304.

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the participating repositories as possible during the month of July. When you visit a location have your passport stamped or initialed and dated. Crawlers who visit at least five participating repositories could win a gift bag of items donated by each repository.

Visit the Delaware County Records Center website and/or social media page for more details. You can also pick up a passport at any participating repository. Passports will not be available until Friday, June 28th. Questions can be directed to Chris Shaw at 740-833-2141 or cshaw@co.delaware.oh.us.

Calendar of Events

1 July thru July 31 2019 Archives Crawl

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

9 July 6:00 - BWAHS Board Meeting

9 July 7:30 - Program: "Center Inn, Past and Present by Amy Welsh

20 July 10:30 - BWAHS Stories in Community Library

13 August 6:00 - ANNUAL (since 1995) OLD FASHIONED PICNIC- *details next month*

17 August 10:30 - BWAHS Stories in Community Library

Current Participating Repositories for 2019 Archives Crawl

Big Walnut Area Historical Society in the Myers Inn Museum, Galena Historical Foundation, The Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial, Cryder Research Library and Meeker Homestead Museum of the Delaware County Historical Society, all Branches of the Delaware County District Library, Delaware County Genealogical Society, Delaware County Records Center, Morrow County Genealogical Society and the Powell Liberty Historical Society.

Thanks to Alice Chapan, Chapan, Alice Lacher and Warren Owen for the beautiful flowers around the Myers Inn Museum.

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Send with check for dues to BWAHS

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Road Trip to Portsmouth Wednesday, August 14th

Flood Wall of Art

BWAHS members may remember a program shown at Myers Inn/Museum in September of 2017 entitled “Beyond These Walls”, which showed how the devastated industrial community of Portsmouth was pulled together by history and art.

Artist Robert Dafford of Louisiana was hired to do the first mural. The plan was to paint 3 to 4 murals a year for 10 years. Each mural features a significant event in the local history. The original project was completed in 2002 with 2,200 feet of art along the Ohio River. Since then even more murals have been added.

The 20 foot high flood wall which is 2090 feet long still serves to prevent flooding, but now displays a mural that brings pride and hope to the local residents and inspiration to numerous visitors marveling at this beautiful work of functional art.

We will leave the Myers Inn at 9 a.m. August 14th and arrive in Portsmouth 2.5 hours later. A guided tour has been arranged and lunch will be eaten at one of the local restaurants. This tour will be take a full day, since driving alone is 2 1/2 hours each way.

If you intend on going, please notify Alice Chapan at 740-965-1942 or Damon Bower at 614-745-4375, so the “caravan” doesn’t leave without you. Members

will be free to share rides as necessary with drivers using their own vehicle liability insurance.

Myers Inn Museum & Gift Shop

OPEN

12-3 Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays

10-3 on Saturdays

facing southwest corner of Sunbury Square

740-965-1154



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Van Dorn opened a tavern in a cabin also on the Portage Indian Trail in 1817. This is now South east corner of State Route 37 and County Road 605.

Other establishments were known to exist in this area in the early 1800's. Rice's Tavern and Major Brown's hotel in Berkshire Corners, Blainey Inn in East Liberty, Starks House of Entertainment, Rt. 61 near Olive Green, Curtiss Inn on Yankee Street below Galena, Dustin House in Galena.

Hezekiah Roberts had a log cabin inn (now 81 S. Columbus Street) in Sunbury. A half a block north, Lawrence Myers built the two story frame Myers Inn in 1820 (his second Inn in Sunbury) and forced Roberts to take boarders. During the stagecoach days another hotel later called the Boyer Hotel was built on the southwest corner of Columbus and Granville streets. The south third of that house is still at 63½ S. Columbus Street.

Many of these are drawn on an 1866 map showing the existing buildings in 1966. These maps are sold for \$20 in the Myers Inn Gift Shop.

Amy is a BWAHS Trustee as well as a detective for the Columbus police department. She has researched the history of her home and opened it for a fund raiser for the historical society in 2017 for the 200th anniversary of the building.

Amy's presentation is free to the public.

**MYERS INN MUSEUM WILL BE
OPEN 9 TO 3 ON JULY 4**

Rosecrans' Author Visits Sunbury



William B. Kurtz, Ph.D.

"When we were raising money for the General Rosecrans' statue, I wrote to many magazines trying to get one to feature the General but I was not successful. After the statue was dedicated, Dr. Kurtz had contacted me about an article he had written but I did not agree with his take on the General and I told him why. I was really surprised to hear from him again this Spring. He told me he had a new article he thought I would like to be printed in the summer issue of *"Civil War Monitor,"* recalled Horn.

In May, Dr. Kurtz was going to be in Columbus doing research and wanted to come to Sunbury to see the statue and talk about the General. He is the Managing Director and Digital Historian at the John L. Nau III Center for the Study of the American Civil War at the University of Virginia. We got together May 10. "We discussed Rosey over dinner at Surve," noted Horn. "We talked about his upcoming article and the book he is writing about General Rosecrans. After touring the Myers Inn Museum and taking a selfie, we took a drive to the boulder which marks the General's birthplace on Rosecrans Road.

Alan and Carol Norris copied the article from the magazine so I could read it. Kurtz was right, I really liked this new article titled "Old Rosey (Reconsidered)."



Horn and Kurtz at Myers Inn

I am glad he dug deeper into the man. I bought two copies of the magazine - one is on the table in the Meeting Room for museum visitors to read. Enjoy!

Masons Honored Horn For Community Service

Sparrow Lodge 400 presented Community Builders Award to Polly Horn on May 21. "In recognition of outstanding service to the community, this award is given and heartfelt gratitude is expressed for many years of service," commented Chip Welch as he presented the award. He also noted Horn often appears in church in period costume before she covers Sunday hours in the Myers Inn Museum.



Welch and Horn

Following dinner and the presentation in PJ's Restaurant, the members of the lodge met in the Myers Inn Museum where it is thought their first meeting was held in 1867. Masons paid to add the third floor to the Town Hall when it was built in 1868 by Col. Granville A. Frambes. They continued to meet there until they built their present Masonic Temple in 1957 on Otis Street.

In the early 1980's, the Community Library staff noticed the west stairway to the third floor were moving when one climbed up or down them. The flooring was removed to open a trap door into the unfinished basement. Supporting the stairs was an empty nail keg. It appeared the men installed the steps at the end of a work day or work week and went home without securing them to the building. Apparently it was forgotten so all the traffic on the stairs for over 100 years was resting on the nail keg which is now on display in the Myers In Museum. It holds a checkerboard in the General Store area.