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His boots will be hard to fill

Bob Cheadle will be missed on the Board of Trustees, as a guide for Civil War School Day, a guide or docent in the Myers Inn during class visits and special events when the Myers Inn was open. A master carpenter and clock maker, he could show museum visitors around the tools, point out the old phone, toasters and washing machines. He made wooden toys for the Gift Shop as well as displays throughout the museum. On Memorial Day and Veteran's Day he donned his WWII and Korean War uniform to tell those marking the veterans' graves of his experiences as a paratrooper. All got goose-bumps when he saluted and said goodbye to this military brothers. - - - Our lives are richer for the hours Bob Cheadle spent with us over the years.

In lieu of flowers, Bob's family selected the Big Walnut Area Historical Society to benefit from memorial funds. These monies are still coming into the society. If you wish to add to the fund make a check to B.W.A.H.S. and put Bob's Fund in the memo line. Checks may be mailed to B.W.A.H.S., P.O. Box 362, Sunbury, Ohio 43074 or dropped off at the Myers Inn Museum.

Mother-Daughter Tea in May

Lavender and Lace is the theme for the 2017 Annual Mother and Daughter Tea to be held at 2:00 Saturday, May 13, in the Myers Inn Museum. The three course tea consists of savories, scones and sweets with hot and iced tea.

Between courses, local herbist Valerie Hamill will share her vast knowledge of herbs used for medicinal as well as cooking during the Civil War Era.

Space is limited so make your reservations early by calling Alice at 740-965-1942

Ghost Towns by the Director of Center for Ghost Town Research

Rick Helwig, Director of the Center for Ghost Town Research in Ohio, will be giving a presentation on the results of the Center's research into the ghost towns of Ohio at 7:30, Tuesday, March 14 meeting of the Big Walnut Area Historical Society in the Myers Inn Museum. Topics covered in the speech will include: An overview of what the Center for Ghost Town Research in Ohio does. What is a ghost town? How are they created? What ghost towns exist in Delaware County? Some interesting ghost towns statewide. And finally a few ghost town ghost stories. Special emphasis will be placed on Ghost Towns located in the Big Walnut Area.

Helwig was raised in Defiance, OH and graduated from The Defiance College in 1985 with a BS in Secondary Math Education. In 1987, Rick moved to his maternal family farm in Eastern Delaware County and with this parents opened a multifaceted business in Sunbury. It was at this time, that he joined his father in his quest to catalog all of the ghost towns in Ohio.

The Center for Ghost Town Research in Ohio was created in 1976 by Rick's father Richard as the results of a genealogy class that the elder Helwig was teaching at the Northwest Technical College in Archibold, Ohio. In 1987, The Center for Ghost Town Research in Ohio was moved to Sunbury Ohio. To date, the Center for Ghost Town Research in Ohio has identified over 6000 ghost towns throughout Ohio and has published 18 books on the Ghost Towns of Ohio including an edition on the Ghost Towns of Delaware County.

Rick has been a licensed auctioneer for 35 years and is the Director of the Center for Ghost Town Research in
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Docent Training Continues

Monday, March 6

If you have always wanted to be a museum docent or discover how they learn the wonderful tales you hear when you tour a museum, join us at 9:30 Monday morning March 6 in the Myers Inn Museum.

Six people are taking the docent training which began in February and will continue March 6. However if you were unable to make the February meeting, you can start in March and later take session one.

Trainees who started in February should have read through the manual and chosen a tale to tell the group when it meets in March.

Civil War School Day Is May 19

Up to 800 students grades 4 though 8 will on Sunbury Square from 9 to 2 on Friday, May 19th to learn about the Civil War. The Planning Committee meets at 6:30 before the regular B.W.A.H.S. meetings on the second Tuesday of the month. Under the leadership of Rick Helwig, the committee strives to make each year better than the year before. Lists of volunteers needed the day of the event will be available next month.

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Leave messages at 740-965-1154

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

9:30 Mar. 5: Docent Training

6:30 Mar. 14: Civil War School Day Planning Committee

7:30 Mar. 14: BWAHS Meeting- Ghost Towns

APRIL

6:30 Apr. 11: Civil War School Day Planning Committee

7:30 Apr. 14: BWAHS Meeting - General Rosecrans and the Union Victory

April 16: EASTER SUNDAY - Myers Inn Closed

MAY

6:30 May 9: Civil War School Day Planning Committee

7:30 May 9: BWAHS Meeting - Mother Young - by Rosie Frazier

2:00 May 13: Mother-Daughter Tea

8:30 May 19: Civil War School Day on the Square

2:00 May 21: Mark Veterans' Graves- cemetery T.B.A.

9:00-4 May 29 Memorial Day OPEN HOUSE

All in Myers Inn unless Noted Otherwise

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Ohio. Currently, Rick works full time for the Delaware County Board of Elections as a Manager. He is the blacksmith in the Myers inn forge, Commander of the Civil War School Day, a Civil War artillery trainer and an active Civil War reenactor.

For more information on the Center for Ghost Town Research in Ohio contact Rick Helwig at Rhelwig61@columbus.rr.com or by writing to him at P.O. Box 616, Sunbury, Ohio 43074.

Joining BWAHS is Easy

Circle One:

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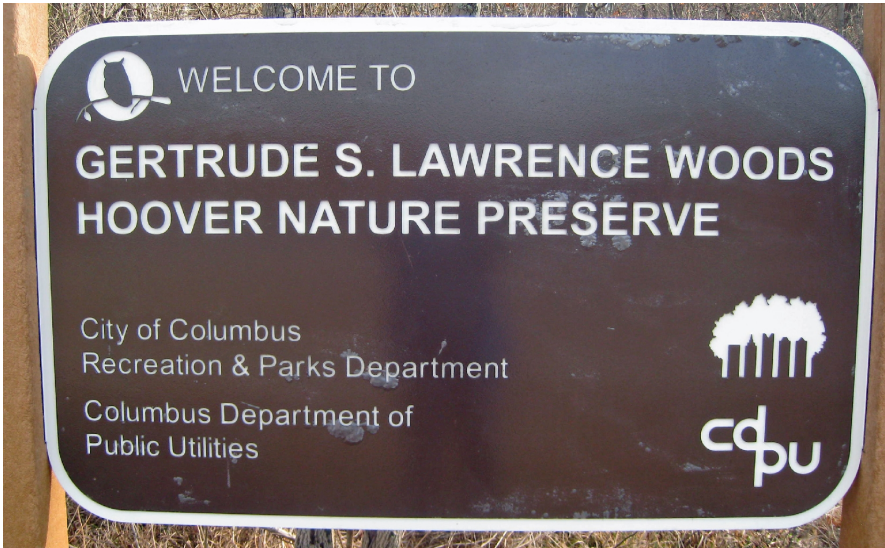
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P.O. Box 362

Sunbury, OH 43074

New Nature Preserve Named for B.W.A.H.S. Member's Mother



Columbus Parks and Recreation opened the Gertrude Lawrence Nature Preserve on the peninsula of land between the water the twin bridges cross on Red Bank Road. It is located on the east side of the road across from the south boat dock.

Emma Gertrude was married to Wayman C. Lawrence, jr. and they were the parents of two girls, Jane and Peggy, and a boy, Wayman Lawrence III.

When Columbus was buying land to build the Hoover Reservoir, over half of Gertrude's land was purchased and flooded. Eventually the remainder of the land belonged to Wayman and his wife, Joan. In 2010 the city of Columbus once again came to the Lawrence family to buy 30 acres of the land for flood control.

Seven years later Columbus Parks and Recreation is opening the Gertrude Lawrence Nature Preserve in memory of Wayman's mother. Recently Wayman walked the area and sat on the bench overlooking the area and knew his mother would be pleased. His sister Peggy lives in Texas and is also pleased to have the 'Nature Preserve named for her mother.

Wayman and Joan are members of the Big Walnut Area Historical Society. Joan helped us get funds to start the renovation of the Myers Inn.

This week Damon and Janet Bower walked two and half miles at the preserve. It was a nice outing close to home. "Looking forward to taking our grandchildren there," commented Damon.

National Road Bus Tour

Hebron Historical Society is sponsoring a bus tour of the National Road Saturday, May 13, for just \$40. Historian and author Doug Smith will ride along with his account of the road to make this a memorable ride. Doug and co-author Glenn Harper authored "The Historic National Road in Ohio" which is now in its fourth edition.

The tour leaves from the American Legion Building at 8:30 on a bus with air and restroom facilities and return at 5:00. Fee includes water, snack and booklet. Bus will stop for lunch.

For details call Hebron Historical Society, 740-929-1545.

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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Once Upon a Time. . . .

Galena School Gas Bill Paid in June 1909

Be sure to check the lights in the Gift Shop and in the tall display cases in the loom room. From the beginning of our ownership of the cases which were built for COSI but put into storage when they were not needed in the new facility, we have used work lights in the cases where the tube lights did not work.

Sheldon Lacher has replaced them with LED lights which show the contents to the bottom without generating lots of heat. We purchased lights for three cases while Sheldon and his wife Marie donated the the lights for the second set of 3 cases.

Sheldon has also replaced the last three bare bulbs upstairs with fixtures. These will get dimmer switches before the project is complete.

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Galena School was the building in the point north of the square which now houses Journey Church.

Van Young presents Battle of Gettysburg Symposium

The Battle of Gettysburg had the most casualties of the civil war. Join us for a four part series covering each day of this conflict presented by well-known Civil War historian's, lecturers and authors. Each day of the battle, including the retreat, will be covered in much detail. No charge for admission and there will be plenty of free parking. Each day the talks go from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Worthington Griswold Center at 777 High Street.

- April 4 Day 1 – Jamie Ryan – Prelude to the battle. Eric J. Wittenberg – The battle begins
- April 11 Day 2 – Jamie Ryan – Devil's Den, the peach orchard, the wheat field & Little Round Top hill
Bob Keefer - Culp's Hill
- April 18 Day 3 – Wayne Motts – Pickett's Charge on Cemetery Ridge
- April 25 Day 4 – Eric J. Wittenberg – The Retreat and Final Thoughts Jamie Ryan – Panel Discussion

James G. Ryan - is the current president of the Central Ohio Civil War Roundtable and a practicing attorney in Columbus, OH.

Bob Keefer - is a retired English professor and academic administrator. He has read over 500 books on the Civil War. His interests range from battlefields to the political and legal aspects of this great conflict.

Eric J. Wittenberg - is an award-winning Civil War historian. His specialty is cavalry operations, with a particular emphasis on the Army of the Potomac's Cavalry Corps. He is the author of sixteen published books.

Wayne Motts – is a civil war historian, as well as the CEO of the National Civil War Museum, in Harrisburg, PA. He is also a licensed battlefield guide at Gettysburg National Military Park, and has written several books on the Battle of Gettysburg.

Call Van Young for more details – 614-981-5826