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Students to Honor WWII Veterans Buried in Galena

Big Walnut Middle School is holding its second annual Community Service Day on April 21 from 9:15 until noon. Students will be helping B.W.A.H.S. mark 47 graves of WWII veterans buried in the Galena Cemetery. John Bricker has given Suzanne Allen a list of all the known veterans in Galena Cemetery which is a big help in the research she is doing with Warren Owen. Members of the American Legion will also be there to assist.

Burnside is the only remaining cemetery in the Big Walnut Area which needs soldiers through WWII marked.

Civil War School Day Needs More Volunteers to Guide Students

Civil War School Day is set up in stations around Sunbury Square and the Myers Inn Museum. Each station has a reenactor or docent who will provide a ten minute lesson for the students.

Guides are needed to lead the students and teachers from station to station. Each guide will have a map so they can easily find the way. We prefer the guides to wear some identifying clothing to set them apart from teachers, an school aids. Guides need to be at the gazebo by 8:30 to get instruction and be ready for the students. Lunch is provided at 11. The second session begins at noon. Everything is over by 2 p.m.

To help call Alice 614-505-9194, Polly, 965-3582.

Rosecrans' Biographer David Moore to Speak in Myers Inn



David Moore, travel guide and Rosecrans historian will address the Big Walnut Area Historical Society at 7:30 Tuesday, April 11 in the Myers Inn Meeting Room. His talk is open to the public and admission is free.

How did Moore become interested in Rosecrans? "I stumbled upon William S. Rosecrans quite by accident. I was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in my hometown of Washington D.C. looking for the grave of Lincoln conspirator Mary Surratt. While searching for her grave, I came upon the grave of Eliza Rosecrans the General's wife. So where was the General buried?" wondered David Moore. Why weren't they buried together?

Moore knew nothing about Rosecrans except his name and that he was considered a very good general. He learned the General is buried in Arlington National Cemetery and looked for a guide book on Arlington (this was pre-internet) and read that Lincoln had offered Rosecrans the vice presidency in 1864. "This spurred me to learn more about Rosecrans which led me to the only biography of Rosecrans at the time "Edge of Glory," by William Lamers, wrote Moore.

Although Moore's original objective was to confirm the vice presidency story, he began to learn about the man who outgeneraled Robert E. Lee in 1861; who won the battles that made the Vicksburg Campaign

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Valerie Hamill Shares Herbs at Annual Mother - Daughter Tea

Big Walnut Area Historical Society is holding its annual Mothers & Daughters Tea at 2:00 Saturday, May 13, in the Myers Inn Museum. The event is open to all mothers and daughters but children must accompany an adult. Attendees are encouraged to dress-up for tea but it is not mandatory.

A high tea is served with three courses: savories, scones and sweets and refreshing tea.

Between courses, Valerie Hamill, the Civil War Herb Lady of Ohio, will be the guest speaker. Freshly harvested herbs will be shared for your sensory pleasure. Smelling and touching the herbs will take you back to a simpler time when horse-drawn carriages were the main method of transportation, and when an herb garden was a critical part of survival for our ancestors.

Ms. Hamill has been a reenactor for 10 years and is a member of The 1st Ohio/Battery A Unit (Ohio Statehouse), a past member of the Rosecrans Command Headquarters Civil War reenacting Unit and is also known as the "Civil War Herb Lady of Ohio", and Major Pauline Cushman, Spy of the Cumberland (who served under Gen. William Rosecrans). Hamill has served as chair of the Ladies Aid Society and as a dedicated volunteer to the fundraising efforts for the Rosecrans statue that now has a place of honor on the Sunbury Square.

Seating for the event is limited due to space so make your reservation early. Call Alice at 740-965-1942.

<http://BigWalnutHistory.org>

BWAHS Trustee Emeritus Eva Jane Williams Feted for 90th Birthday

Williams turned 90 on March 16 and was surprised by a celebration of family, friends, Historical Society members and Chamber of Commerce members in her church on March 18th.

Eva Jane has stepped down from being an active member of the BWAHS Board of Trustees and a Friday docent but she rarely misses a general meeting or special event.

In addition to the historical society, She was a charter member of the Big Walnut Area Chamber of Commerce, Co-Treasurer with her late husband Dan Williams of many community events such as the 1776 and 1991 celebrations.

We look forward to many more years of her advice and warm smile.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- April 5 at 1:00 Board of Trustees Meeting
- April 11 at 6:30 Civil War School Day Committee
- April 11 at 7:30 Program General Rosecrans
by David Moore of Washington D.C.
- April 21 9-12 BW Middle School Community
Service Day marking WWII graves in Galena
- April 25 at 10:45 Souders 3rd Graders to visit
Myers Inn

May

- May 3 at 1:00 Board of Trustees Meeting
- May 9 at 6:30 Civil War School Day Committee
- May 9 at 7:30 Rosie Frasier as Mother Jones
- May 13 2:00 Mothers & Daughters Tea
- May 19 Civil War School Day GUIDES NEEDED
- May 28 2 p.m. Mark Veterans Graves
Cemetery
- May 29 Myers Inn OPEN HOUSE

June

- June 2 at 11 New Beginnings Visit to Myers Inn
- June 7 at 1:00 Board of Trustees
- June 13 at 7:30 BWAHS Meeting

All Meetings in Myers Inn unless noted

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possible; who won a victory without which Lincoln said “the nation could scarcely have lived over;” and who conducted the most brilliant campaign of the Civil War. The murky vice president story became less important.

So Moore resolved to write a book about William Rosecrans and the political machinations that involved him and other generals. His book “*William S. Rosecrans and the Union Victory*” was published in 2014.

During his research, Moore learned - via the internet- of the effort of citizens in Sunbury Ohio to erect an equestrian statue of the General on the Sunbury Village Square. Polly Horn was researching General Rosecrans for the <http://BigWalnutHistory.org> website when Moore contacted her and they joined forces with Tom Wolke of Virginia who was also researching Rosecrans. Moore came to Columbus for the February 11, 2011, Gala at the Ohio Statehouse for the Statue campaign.

Two and a half years later Moore, Wolke and Frank Varney, who also wrote a book about Rosecrans, were on Sunbury Square for the unveiling of the Rosecrans Equestrian Statue of Alan Cottrell. Moore hopes one day a statue of General Rosecrans will be built in Washington – something that his soldiers wanted.

Moore has been a history guide in Washington DC for over 25 years. “I work primarily with schools including some from the Columbus area and Delaware County. He continues to research General Rosecrans and plans to write some articles that will tell what he has learned since the publication of his book.

Myers Inn Gift Shop carries David Moore’s book, *William S. Rosecrans and the Union Victory*. It will sell for \$2 off the regular price the night of his talk.

Docents and Guides Needed

Hulen Souders Elementary School has scheduled a visit for their 81 third graders on Tuesday morning, April 25th. We will do our regular third grade program of 6 stations each featuring a different segment of our local history. Six docents and 6 guides are needed to do the program smoothly. We need to be in place in costume by 10:30 and will be done at noon.

Also mark your calendars for programs on June 2 (11-12) for New Beginnings and on July 7 (10-12) for Child Care Unlimited.



William S. Rosecrans and the Union Victory
by David Moore, will be on sale for \$31 the
night of his talk, Tuesday, April 11.

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

Kroger Community Rewards

Shop at Kroger To Help BWAHS

April is time to re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. B.W.A.H.S. enrolled in this program when Kroger first moved to Sunbury.

IT MUST BE RENEWED EACH YEAR.

Please help us by choosing #80210 - Big Walnut Area Historical Society as the charity you wish to get your Community Rewards funds.

Although we do not have a large number of families enrolled, we earn money every quarter to help us keep the Myers Inn Museum open. The more families enrolled and the more you shop at Kroger, the more we earn.

During the month of April go to <http://BigWalnutHistory.org> then follow the instructions on our home page

or type the following into your browser

www.Kroger.com/account/communityrewards/enroll

use 80210 to have your money go to BWAHS

After May 1st you will see Big Walnut Historical Society on the bottom of each Kroger receipt when you use your card.

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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Chamber of Commerce Sponsors **Community Expo**

B.W.A.H.S. will once again have a table at the Sunbury/Big Walnut Chamber of Commerce Expo from 5-8 on Thursday, April 27, in the Big Walnut High School Gym. Visit the Expo to see exhibits from area businesses, church, and non profit organization which are here to make life in our community richer.

Every year since the event began, we have set up a table manned by costumed members to meet and greet people and share our historical society story. We change from displays of old photos to artifacts from the Myers Inn Museum to entice people to stop at our booth. We will give away 2017 lapel pins this year.

Anyone wishing to help with our table should contact President Bill Comisford or Curator Polly Horn at info@BigWalnutHistory.org.

Big Walnut Area Historical Society

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Flyers Which Might Be of Interest to Big Walnut Area Historical Society Members

THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

day by day

Worthington Griswold Center
777 High St. • Worthington OH 43085

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 historians, 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.

Lecture dates

- April 4 Day 1: Jamie Ryan – Prelude to the battle
Eric J. Wittenberg – The battle begins
 - April 11 Day 2: Jamie Ryan – The South attacks Union flanks
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
- 7:00pm – 9:00pm**



Thanks to event sponsor

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SPRING 2017 MEETING

Saturday, April 29, 2017

10am - 3pm

Harlem Township Grange Hall

12900 Center Village Road, Galena, OH 43021



Join us for presentations and cemetery tours, hosted by
Harlem Township Heritage, Inc.!

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Find more details on our Facebook event page:
<https://www.facebook.com/ohioags/>



Call Van Young for more details:
(614) 981-5826

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 300 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 19 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.

