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1 to 4 Saturday, October 21

Center or Van Dorn Inn Celebrates 200 Years

Gilbert Van Dorn opened an Inn in a log cabin when he settled in Trenton township on 1000 acres in 1817. He soon added extra log rooms. Later he made brick on the property to build the house now owned by Timothy and Amy Welsh. The Welsh family is opening their home as a fund raiser for the Big Walnut Area Historical Society from 1 to 4 on Saturday, October 21.

Don a costume from your favorite historical decade from 1817 to 2017 and head out St. Rt. 37 towards Johnstown. Just park your carriage at the Vans Valley

Community Church, 14440 State Route 37. You may easily walk or ride in a hay wagon to the historic Center Inn or Van Dorn Inn at 14659 E. State Rt. 37. Arrows will lead the way. If it isn't wet you may drive into the Longshore field from 605. This is next door to the Welsh home.

When you enter the property near the driveway, an information table will be set up to direct guests through the events. Tickets will be on sale for the house tours and for the Speak Easy Password.

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Sunbury Fall Heritage Festival is October 15

Myers Inn Museum and grounds will join with the Village of Sunbury to remember our history and enjoy fall activities from 3-7 on Sunday, October 15.

Activities include Community Library's Haunted House in the Town Hall, Condit Presbyterian Church's Carnival Games, Sunbury Christian Church's Food Court, First Impressions Straw Maze, bounce house and slide plus much more on Sunbury Square.

On the west side of Columbus Street, one may visit Blacksmith Rick Helwig operating the forge in the Myers Inn Barn. Plan to see a Civil War Camp site in the yard and visit with Abraham Lincoln. There will be make-it and take-it crafts for children and a chance to dip a candle at the Myers Inn. Crafters will set up

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Creme Corner 1966 - Oakhill Barbeque 2017

Brent Carson to Talk About Our County's Ice Cream Shops, Etc.

At 7:30 Tuesday evening, October 10th, Brent Carson will present a program on Ice Cream Shops and Diners in Delaware County in the Myers Inn Museum Meeting Room for the Big Walnut Area Historical Society. The program is free and open to the public.

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In Sunbury, we know Chuck Ward collected ice in the winter and kept it in straw to sell to people who still had iceboxes before refrigerators. He had a small shop on the point at Rainbow and High Street where he sold ice cream cones as well as gasoline. Others in Sunbury sold commercial ice cream such as the Sunbury Grill, Main's Drug Store and Fountain which became Hill's Pharmacy. The Fountain did not go with the business when it moved from Vernon Street to Granville Street.

In 1963 Hoyt Whitney bought some of the old Burrer Mill frontage on North Columbus Street. When the big building came down he built a fast food building to rent. It was called Aveys Creme Corner, later Fuller Creme Corner and eventually Shiveley's Creme Corner. The family ran the business in the summers and enjoyed warm weather in the winters. In recent years this became too much and the Creme Corner closed. Today it houses Oakhill Barbeque.

Carson was born in Delaware, graduated from Hayes High School and taught in Willis Jr. High until he retired. He has been a pillar in the Delaware County Historical Society for many years and is currently the president of the society

Through the years, Carson has helped produce several DVDs and programs on a variety of topics of local history. His latest on *Friday Night in Downtown Delaware* is for sale in the Myers Inn Museum Gift Shop.

Today Brent can be found giving programs to schools and community clubs, giving tours of the historical society and the surrounding area, and always collecting history and stories of the county.

CLIP THE PAGE OF FOUR ADS FOR CENTER INN'S 200th. Give to your friends.

Buy a VIP Ticket Early Center (Van Dorn) Inn Special VIP Pass Saves Money

Early birds who buy a VIP Pass before October 21st will save money and possibly win a door prize. VIP Pass gives one person a tour of the 1817 Center Inn, a Speak Easy Password, 2 adult beverages, and a chance to win a door prize for only \$25.

Go to www.ThroughTheDecades.org to buy a VIP Pass using credit card or PayPal.

Purchase a VIP Pass for cash at the Myers Inn Gift Shop.

Your name will be entered in the door prize drawing.

Your Pass will be at the gate when you enter October 21st.

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Send with check for dues to BWAHS

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

Octogenarian Rode in Horse Parade

Historical Society Trustee Suzanne Allen right on her thirty year old paint horse, Justin, was riding next to Sunbury's Kathy St. Jean in All Horse Parade with their 4-H Club before the Delaware County Fair.



Photo was taken by BWAHS Trustee Damon Bower.

GRE 3rd Graders Coming to Myers Inn in November

Time is not set but 105 third graders will be coming to the Myers Inn Museum for a look at the pioneer life in our community. It takes 13 adults to make the visit memorable to the young visitors. If you would like to help with this effort, tell Polly Horn.

Archives Crawl Coming to Sunbury Through October

October is National Archives Month so Chris Shaw has planned an Archives Crawl for Delaware County to celebrate the event.

Historians and genealogists know the value of archives and tend to use the organizations which house these documents, photos, lists, and even oral histories in their research of a variety of topics.

Our area has always been good to collect local history. Dilly Burrer stated a collection in Community Library which has grown with each director since. BWAHS has continued to collect items, stories and digital copies of records and put them on the website for all to use.

During October, make it a point to visit at least 5 of the many Archival Collections in our county. Get your passport stamped. Start with Big Walnut Area Historical Society. You may win a prize!

Help Needed for Sunbury Fall Heritage Festival

Sue Comisford is the chairperson for the Heritage Festival for the Big Walnut Area Historical Society. She can still use some help with some of the displays.

Myers Inn Museum will be open so we need a guide or docent in each room. If you are willing to help from 3-5 or 5-7, please let Polly Horn know at 740-965-3582. Costumes are nice but not mandatory for this event. We do have some women's costumes in the Inn which you may borrow.

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demonstrations in and around the Myers Inn. Karen Meyer will be selling her historical Christian Fiction books for children.

Myers Inn Museum and Gift Shop will be open if you wish to look at the artifacts or make a purchase.

BWAHS has celebrated our roots with a Heritage Day in October since the beginning of the Historical Society. Last year we merged with the Sunbury Fall Festival to offer something for everyone.

We will continue the tradition of honoring a volunteer who has helped BWAHS.

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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Workers Needed For Center Inn's 200th

Time is drawing near for the 200th celebration of the Center Inn or the Van Dorn Inn hosted by Tim and Amy Welsh as a BWAHS fund-raiser.

People are needed to help set up tables, chairs and canopies at 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 20th. The same will be needed to take down at 4:00 Saturday.

At 11:00 Saturday morning people will be needed to help Andrew set up the Silent Auction. More people will be needed to keep the auction moving.

Mindy Jo Johnson needs helpers to decorate tables. Polly Horn needs people to learn scripts to be tour guides in the house.

If you can volunteer for anything, sign up on the web at www.ThroughTheDecades.org or call Polly Horn 740-965-3582.

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The purpose of the event is to raise funds for the Myers Inn Museum. Note the donations jars near all the events and exhibits. Please donate generously.

Guided tours of the home are scheduled at 1:30, 2:00 and 2:30. A bell will ring to bring you to the front door for each tour. The tour costs \$5 for everyone age 8 and older. Younger children will have to be carried by their parents. The tour is not handicapped accessible.

On the west yard demonstrations and exhibits are set up for your enjoyment. Old time hands-on crafts for the young include dipping candles, making corn-cob dolls or making Tussie Mussies. All ages may try their hand at the tavern games or watch women hooking rugs. Or you may schedule a 15 minute reading with Lisa Noland-Shalosky for \$25. (Her fee goes to the historical Society).

50/50 tickets will be sold for a \$1 each, 6 for \$5 or 12 for \$10. Be sure your name and phone number is on



Tim Welsh Secures a Sign at the Center Inn

each of the tickets when you put them in the jar. The winner will be drawn at 4:00.

A Silent Auction with an original oil painting of General Rosecrans' Statue in front of the Town Hall, an overnight stay in Hocking Hills Get Away, two Half Hour private readings by Columbus, Ohio's very own Psychic Medium, Trance Channel and Certified Spiritual Hypnotist Lisa Noland-Shalosky as well as many other items which will make great gifts. Check it out at www.ThroughTheDecades.org. On the day of the event Silent Auction items will be under the canopies along the east side of the driveway. Return often to up your bid.

Homemade cookies, cider, lemon-aid, snacks and a birthday cake will be served in the food court throughout the event. Be sure to buy your password for \$10 to get into the Speak Easy for adult beverages.

One may purchase a special VIP Pass for the day for only \$25 and enjoy everything except the 50/50 drawing and the Silent Auction for free. Includes a house tour, and two adult drinks with \$25 ticket.

All advance sales completed before day of event will have buyer's name entered in a drawing for a basket of Sunbury Goodies. See page 2 in this newsletter to learn how to purchase your VIP Pass.

JOIN US FOR AN HISTORIC EVENT!

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200 years old

THE GREAT BIRTHDAY TELEGRAM

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Saturday, 21st October, 1:00pm-4:00pm
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Sunbury, Ohio 43074
United States



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Travel Through Some Of Deleware County's Historical Years!

Silent Auction accompanying Food & Refreshments for all..... We will be holding a Silent Auction for anyone that wishes to participate as well as providing a variety of food & refreshments for our guests. Any charitable item(s) or service(s) donated is greatly appreciated and will partake in this event's Silent Auction. If you wish to participate by donating an item or service, please indicate such on your enclosed RSVP ticket. Pick up is also available and free of charge as well. If you wish to have your donation picked up, please indicate as such on your RSVP ticket.

Dress Up From Your Favorite Era.....

Come & celebrate with us by dressing up from your favorite Era. There will be a costume contest for those who wish to participate as well as a few prize give-a-ways! There will also be some re-enactors from a variety of time periods walking around the fun filled celebration so you do not want to miss it!

Fun Filled Activities For The Children.....

Don't have a babysitter? No worries! Even the younger generation will have a chance to travel back in time and experience the fun of Candle Dipping, Primitive Doll Making, Pumpkin Painting and enjoying some of the most popular games the children enjoyed playing during this time period!



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