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Since 2010

Annual Valentine Luncheon

Valentine Luncheon 2010

BAWHS cooks will prepared homemade soups, salads and

desserts for the luncheon this year. Serving begins at 11 goes until 2 or when the food is gone. Members of the Big Walnut High School LEO Club are helping with decorations and serving.

Donations are gladly accepted. No reservations are needed but seating is limited.

Collector's Valentines on Display

Through the years, I have been lucky to be in the right place when people were trying to decide what to do with Valentines they found among Aunt Essa's things. Most of these were dated from the last century.

Many were postcards because while it cost 2 cents to mail a letter, the card companies convinced the U.S. Postoffice to send postcards for half price.. Mary Lou Abel was a post card collector so she naturally collected

postcard valentines. When she died her husband brought me a box full of vintage Valentine Postcards. Each year I try to put different ones on display.

Hope these bring back good memories for you.

Take time to enjoy the vintage valentines on display.



Valentines:

An Affair of the Heart

Big Walnut Area Historical Society presents a Valentine program with Polly Horn at 7:30 Tuesday, February 11, in the Myers Inn Museum Meeting Room. Admission is free.

With all the red letter days in February, why look at valentines?

Nostalgia.

"I remember the big box we decorated at school to hold valentines. In the mid 1940s, our classrooms had up to 40 children in them so Mom would buy many packages for all of us to have enough. She insisted each child in the class would get a valentine from us, even the boy with the snotty nose who sat behind me and pulled my pigtails. For special friends and family she had red construction paper, white paper doilies, lots of LePages Mucilage (which we thought was made of rotten horse hoofs and we should not eat it but —). We spend many afternoons working on our Valentines. We certainly had a lot of fun making them," noted Horn.



Good for the economy.

According to the National Retail Federation, Americans spent 20.7 billion dollars for Valentine Day in 2019. 145,000,000 Valentines were exchanged - not counting kid's valentines exchanged in classrooms. Average man

spends \$339 (usually on jewelry and food). Women average \$64 often on flowers and chocolate. 28% on American adults purchase plants or flowers for Valentine's Day. 224 million roses (Continue on Pag



Thanks

Thanks to the 27 individuals and business that answered the call for year-end donations, Big Walnut Area Historical Society has received \$1538.00. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU!**

Calendar of Events

VINTAGE VALENTINES ON DISPLAY

- February 11 at 6:00 p.m. BWAHS Board Meeting
- February 11 at 7:30 p.m. Program Meeting - "Valentines: An Affair of the Heart" with Polly Horn
- February 15 at 10:30 - Roosevelt and National Parks for Stories by BWAHS in Community Library
- February 15 from 11 to 2-Valentine Luncheon**
- March 10 at 6:00 p.m. BWAHS Board Meeting
- March 10 at 7:30 p.m. Program Meeting - John Brown by Van Young

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Welcome

New Member

John Bland

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were purchased for the holiday in 2019. Think of all the red heart shaped boxes of chocolate.

Care enough to send the very best.
In 1948 Hallmark, greeting card company in Kansas, sponsored plays on television which became Hallmark Hall of Fame. Mother wasn't much of a television fan but when those were aired we learned it was her time to choose the channel. These evolved into full length movies sold in Hallmark stores. In 2016 this branch of Hallmark became Crown Media which now has two public channels and one for cable subscribers.

Come to the program at the Myers Inn to learn more about the history of Valentine's Day from pagan celebrations, through early Christianity to today's Hallmark Movies.

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Our Members to Read Historical Stories at Community Library

A year ago, BWAHS partnered with the library staff to provide special programs based on history for children at the library. Brian Moore and Mindy Pyle are leading this project from the historical society.

Purposed Dates:

Saturday, February 15: "History of National Parks and Celebration of Presidents Day." Story of Theodore Roosevelt National Parks.

Saturday, June 20: History of Flag Day

Saturday, July 18: Topic to be determined will have to do with the history of Sunbury or ways to volunteer in the community.

Saturday, September 19th: History of Native American Day (Native American Day is 9/25)

Contact Brian or Mindy if you wish to help with this project.

Presidents' Day

Remember when we celebrated President Abraham Lincoln's Birthday on February 12 and President George Washington's on February 22? Prints of each of the men were on the walls in every school room.

In 1971 a bill was passed to merge the two holidays and place Presidents' Day permanently on the third Monday in February as part of shifting holidays to Mondays and give workers a three day weekend.



Imagine My Surprise --Frogs, Not Daisy Mae

When preparing the Docent Calendar, I checked to be sure February had the right number of days. Saturday the 29th brought back wonderful memories to share with you.

When we were in school, February 29th was an excuse to celebrate Leap Day with a Sadie Hawkins Dance. Al Capp's Dogpatch was the setting for Li'l Abner, the popular cartoon which became the theme for our leap year dance in 1956 - girls, as Daisy Mae, invited the guys and paid their admission.

Otherwise I have mostly forgotten about the day except to add it to the calendar. This year I have not been able to schedule donors for April on the American Red Cross new online calendar. I can schedule February and June but I suspect the short month of February has not been correctly programmed.

According to the History Channel, Leap Day is added to the calendar every 4 years to keep our calendar in sync with the earth's movement around the sun. Although the Egyptians were the first to calculate the need for an extra day, it was Julius Caesar and the astronomer Sosigener who revamped the Roman calendar to include 12 months and 365 days but needed to add a day every 4 years to make up for the actual 365.2421 days it takes the earth to go around the sun.

This calendar was closer but the difference in .2421 and .25 makes about 11 minutes. By the end of the 14th century, the calendar had strayed 10 days off from the actual solar year. To fix the glitch, Pope Gregory XIII revised the Gregorian Calendar in 1582. Leap year must be divided by 100 and if it is a century year like 1900 or 2000 it must also be divided by 400. Thus 1900 was not a Leap Year but 2000 was.

Harold Tippet, our 5th grade math teacher, had us do the math to see which years were Leap Years. Never a mention of frogs which are on the clipart for the day.

It is anticipated that in 10,000 the calendar will again need an adjustment. Lucky programmers!

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Dan Shaw brought an advertising booklet to the Myers Inn a long while ago. It was scanned for the website but could not be found when someone asked about the Conklin Irwin and then the Irwin Hardware Store in Sunbury. As you can see it followed the C.W. Wheaton & CO. store on the south side of Granville Street. Walter Lenhart bought it from Irwin. Marian Ackerman owned it for a long time with Coffee Antiques in it. Now Barry Bennett owns the blue building facing the south side of Sunbury Village square.

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