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Black Hoof, Primary Chief of the Shawnees to Visit

Saturday, June 25, in Beavercreek

Wartinger Park barn at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 26, in Xenia

74 West Church Street at 2:00 p.m.

Come celebrate the culmination of Greene County History Week with us as the Beavercreek and the Greene County Historical Societies collaborate to welcome area actor William "Rusty" Cottrel as he portrays Black Hoof, the Primary Chief of the Shawnee Nation. In a lifetime that spanned over a century, from 1720 to 1831, Black Hoof was witness to and a participant in many pivotal events that determined the direction of the Northwest Territory from which Ohio was carved and in turn that of the fledgling United States of America.

An experienced speaker, he will relate sometimes humorously and sometimes quite emotionally, Black Hoof's experiences carrying him first back to the homeland of his ancestors and through many conflicts with nations seeking to drive his people from that homeland. Hear how he sought a different path from that of the more aggressive leader, Tecumseh, and judge for your self if his policies were more successful.

You may be drawn to empathize with him as he describes his efforts to lead his people into a farming culture identical to that of their white neighbors, and you may shed a tear with him as they must face removal to the west, in spite of their successful endeavor, and the promise that they would be free to live in the Ohio country "as long as the rivers flow and the grass grows."

The event is free and open to the public, with funding provided by a grant through the Beavercreek Women's League. Parking on Saturday will be available in the Board of Education lot.



Pictured above,
William "Rusty"
Cottrel portrayed
as Black Hoof

GREENE COUNTY HISTORY WEEK

See page 2 for a week packed with
upcoming local events →

Greene County History Week Events: *June 18 – 25, 2016*

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, June 18	Juneteenth Family Heritage Day with genealogy workshop, book signing, and guided tour of Massie's Creek Cemetery; Fee \$10 National Afro-American Museum & Cultural Center 1350 Brush Row Rd., Wilberforce
Saturday, June 18	Historic Homes of Yellow Springs, North Yellow Springs Heritage walking tour; Fee \$5 Mills Park Hotel, corner Xenia Ave. & Limestone St., 1 p.m.
Monday, June 20	Exploring the Greene Co. Archives & Records Center Overview by Robin Heise, Media Room, 541 Ledbetter Rd., Xenia, 2-3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 21	A Tale of Two Towns – History of Osborn, Fairfield, Fairborn Fairborn Area Historical Society, Mary Pacinda American Legion Hall, 526 Legion Lane, Fairborn, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 21	The First Transcontinental Automobile Journey Bellbrook Methodist Church, 47 E. Franklin St., 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 22	Guided tour of Col. Charles Young's home, "Youngholme" Col. Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument 1120 US 42 E, Wilberforce - afternoon
Wednesday, June 22	Memories of a Country Store exhibit Bellbrook Historical Museum, 42 N. Main St., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Wednesday, June 22 & Friday, June 24	Conscience of the Human Spirit Quilt Exhibit; Fee \$6 National Afro-American Museum & Cultural Center 1350 Brush Row Rd., Wilberforce, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursday, June 23	Trains Galore - Meet Me at the Station video Brantley Carriage House, 74 West Church St., Xenia, 4 – 8 p.m.
Friday, June 24	Jamestown Opera House Tour N. Limestone and E. Xenia St., Jamestown 3 – 5 p.m.
Saturday, June 25	Ian Soderquist (XHS student quilter) demonstrations & exhibit Cedarville Historical Society, Opera House, Cedarville 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Black Hoof, Primary Chief of the Shawnees (see front page) Beavercreek Historical Society, Wartinger Park Barn – 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 26	Black Hoof, Primary Chief of the Shawnees Greene County Historical Society, 74 West Church St., Xenia – 2 p.m.

For further information on any events, call the Greene County Historical Society, at (937) 372-4606 between Noon-4 p.m. Tuesday – Friday, and Saturday Noon-3:30 p.m.

2016 Spring Living History is History!

Submitted by Amber Carlos | Spring Living History Director

I can't believe another Spring Living History has come and gone in a blink! We got to take the children by the hand, jump back in time and play at living back in 1803. How many opportunities does one get to do something like that in life? The children exclaimed, "Wow! Pioneer kids got to bash corn to bits!? This is soooo much fun!" I also heard, "Well couldn't they just draw faces on their dolls with Sharpie markers...wait, no. No markers!?" You'd think the lack of indoor plumbing would bring the aghast declarations! No, it's markers. I'd go home at the end of each day laughing to myself over their expressions and observations.

Our volunteers are THE ONLY reason this wonderful program is possible. You make it amazing! I appreciate all that you each add to the program. It's a pleasure to watch the faces of the children as they listen and learn from you. You make it your own with tidbits gleaned from your own lives. And, let's not forget the many moving parts that click along in the background. There are doll and quilt kits being cut and assembled, yarn balls being wound from skeins, while corn and potatoes are being gathered and sourced. Pure sheep's wool is amassed and firewood stacked. Gardens are tended while broken benches are mended. The massive amount accomplished by our volunteers to make Living History happen is awe-inspiring. I truly enjoyed working with and wish to convey my gratitude to all of the volunteers that made this Spring's program possible. Becky Jarvi is beginning to prepare for the Fall session (see page 4 for information on the next Living History). Contact her at **427-1751** to participate this September/October.

Many thanks to all of our Spring Volunteers!

Jack Ackerson

Bob Bader

Kathy Bauer

Roger Coy

Joan Epperson

Judy Haas

Sarah Haller

Jennifer Harvey

Jeri Hausman

Bill Hunt

Becky Jarvi

Denny Jarvi

Sharon Jernigan

Edie Keast

Jill Kincer

Wendell Kincer

Barb Lyle

Diana Nelson

Diane Phillips

John Rhodehamel

Shirley Richardson McCourt

Lisa Shearer

Gerry Smalley

Ed Stafford

Bob Wagley

Ruby Webster

Toni White

Behind the Scenes

Alexandra Carlos

Laura Bader

Kim Farrell and Crew

Greene County Master

Gardeners

John Hancock

Wendy Kirchoff

Zelma Robinson

Wilma Stafford

Walmart of Beavercreek

Have an article you want in the Log by Log? Deadline for submissions into the next issue is September 16.

We're always looking for volunteers! To inquire about available opportunities, email BHSOhio@gmail.com.

Dates Set for Fall Living History 2016

For your scheduling purposes here are the dates for Fall Living History. There will be 15 classes coming from these four schools. The number of classes has been increasing each year and will again next year.

September 22-23 St. Luke
September 26-30 Trebein
October 3-7 Main
October 11-13 Valley

If you haven't volunteered before but would like to give it a try, please give me a call so we can talk about costuming and training. Our goal is to give the children a hands-on taste of early pioneer life. We begin with an introduction to the time period and the families who built the historic structures that make up Wartinger Park. Six activities take place in the mornings between nine and noon. The students are divided into small groups and rotate every 25 minutes between sewing, butter churning, doll making, barn chores, finger knitting, and spinning.

Following their "chores" there's time for a picnic lunch and play. Then school is in session for half an hour. The students file into the Jarusiewicz Cabin that has been charmingly outfitted as a pioneer schoolhouse. It's the perfect setting to conclude their visit to history.

Volunteers are the essential part of what has kept this treasured field trip available for Beavercreek third graders for years. Thanks to everyone who keeps this program going and growing. Please join us for one morning or many.

Becky Jarvi

Director of Fall Living History | (937) 427-1751

Join the Beavercreek Historical Society Today!

Help preserve Beavercreek's past for the future. Please make your check payable to Beavercreek Historical Society and mail along with this form to: **1368 Research Park Drive, Beavercreek, OH 45432.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: (Please print carefully) _____

Choose your membership type and level:

Annual Memberships:(Jan. thru Dec.)

() \$ 15 Individual

() \$ 20 Family

() \$ 50 Group or Organization

Lifetime Memberships:

() \$500 - \$999 Preservationist

() \$1000 and up Historian

Items of Interest

Welcome new members!

We're glad to have you join us: Judith Ireton, Nancy Sayeedi & Family, Pamala & Kelly Smith, Larry Suttman, and Ruby Webster.



Beavercreek History Center Opens Its Doors

Thanks to the many members and friends who came to the Open House at our Society's new location, the Beavercreek History Center, on a pretty Sunday afternoon in April. We received many positive comments from those attending who found many items of interest amongst the collection. We thank the Township Trustees and Administrator for their willingness to make this new location possible. We will continue to seek donations of items relating to the 20th and 21st century that reflect our local history which we can display in this new space. The Center is located east of Alpha at 1981 Dayton-Xenia Road, and is open by appointment.

Photo 1: Wendy Kirchoff (back to camera) discusses the photos of Beavercreek historic homes and their locations within the community with visitors.

Photo 2: Carolyn Foreman (left) and Jo Ferguson (right) share information about the Society, its archives and work space with Open House guests.



Daffodils Brighten Up a Rainy Day

The Southwest Ohio Daffodil Society, the Beavercreek Historical Society and the Greene County Master Gardeners collaborated on the weekend of April 30/ May 1 to present the Daffodil Society's Annual Daffodil Show combined with tours of the gardens and historic buildings at Wartinger Park. The rains were not welcomed but appeared in spite of all best intentions of the planners. The daffodils themselves were so varied and so lovely; and the log homes, decked out in their finest, were of interest to those who attended.

Photo 3: Helen Haun, both a Master Gardener and Historical Society member, shares a smile with guests viewing a few of the many entries into this juried flower show.



Acquisitions

Recent donations to our society include: an Amish hat, pants, shirt and suspenders by Sylvia Hess; a child's white organdy dress and bridal veil by Jan Kleinhenz; miscellaneous archival material relating to the Beavercreek High School Class of 1934 by Joanna Orr; a kitchen cupboard, C1920, by Richard and Ginger Moss; and a cane bottom chair C1920 from Ginger Jar Antiques. All of these items can now be seen at our History Center. Two quilts were donated by Larry McDaniel and are on display at Wartinger Park.

We always appreciate the generosity of those who donate items to add to our collections reflecting life in the 19th and 20th century, especially if they relate to Beavercreek.



If you are interested in donating items please call **Lorraine Wagley at (937) 426-8325**.

Dunnigan's Hardware: Helping to Build Beaver Creek One Nail at a Time

Submitted by Jeanne Wensits

Let's say it's 1975 and you needed a hammer. Or maybe some shovels. Off you'd go to Dunnigan's Hardware on Dayton-Xenia Road, practically the only hardware store in the Beaver Creek area.

However, this is not where the business started. We need to go back to 1962 when Paul and Evelyn Dunnigan leased space for a small hardware on N. Central Ave. Paul was a printer at Wright Patterson Air Force Base during the day, so Evelyn and their three daughters, age 16, 13, and 11, ran the hardware store for 3 years. Did any of the family know much of anything about hardware when they started? Or have training in retail? Bookkeeping, perhaps? Um, no. But they plunked down \$700 for stock and the little store was launched.

After a while it became apparent that the store could not keep up with the needs of the growing community and the hunt was on for more space. What they found was a small house sitting on a fairly large lot at 3775 Dayton-Xenia Road near what's sometimes called "downtown Beaver Creek." They bought the property, allowed the Fire Department to burn the house down for firefighters' practice, and opened a 12,000 square foot hardware store in 1969. At that time the Dunnigan's daughter, Debbie McFaddin and her husband, Steve McFaddin, became store managers until the store closed years later.



Paul Dunnigan in front of the original store

When sewer lines came into the Beaver Creek area the business and residential communities boomed, along with the sale of hardware supplies. "Contractors needed pipes, house builders needed hardware," Evelyn recounts. It also was a go-to place for handymen, hobbyists and farmers. The store size was increased three times and ended up at 28,000 square feet with the acquisition of Johnnie Shoup's Sporting Goods.

Things were going swimmingly until the 1980s when Lowe's, Home Depot and other chain stores arrived and market conditions became troublesome. Among other things it became more common for stores to have extended hours and be open on Sundays, but the only time Dunnigan's had Sunday hours was when they had end-of-the-summer tent sales. At these times they sold seasonal merchandise and goods they'd put aside or purchased just for the sale.



The Dayton-Xenia store in April 1983

The final blow occurred in 1981. The store was undergoing the installation of a new roof which required the gutters to be removed. In the middle of a night while the gutters were absent a storm came through the area, water ran down into the basement wetting straw that was stored there, and heat built up causing spontaneous combustion. The store went up in a blaze. "We lost everything. It really hurt us," Evelyn admits wistfully. "We survived for a while but finally closed and went on with our lives." Later the store was sold to Larry Ballweg who passed it on to his nephew, Dave Barney, and it became Barney's True Value Hardware as it still is today.

For Paul, “(getting) on with our lives” was just a continuation of the numerous community organizations he was actively involved with. Along with many other appointments, he was elected to the first Beaver Creek Village Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the Park Board, the Greene Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, and on it goes.

Evelyn was not much into politics, she states, but supported Paul at events whenever needed. She turned to working with Faith and Bob Deal at Deal’s Flowers from 1987 to 1999.

Dunningan’s Hardware and the Dunnigan family will long be remembered for the roles they played in the building of Beaver Creek as a thriving community. They contributed far more than just nails.

A PICTURE IN TIME

The Ankeney House as it looked in 1926-1935, in its original location on Ankeney Road in Beaver Creek. Picture is courtesy of Marianna Bennington Antoine of Winter Haven, Florida, who lived in the house as a child age five. Marianna has fond memories of the house and neighborhood. Siding and a porch hide the log cabin construction.



Featured in Vol. 2 of the Beaver Creek Chronicles.

Historic Lustron Home Update

If you’ve driven down Longview Drive recently, you’ve noticed something has changed. BHS member Laura Konnert reports that the yellow Lustron Home located on Longview Drive and used as an office for many years by Hawker United Church of Christ has been dismantled. Lustron homes were prefabricated enameled steel houses developed in post WWII era in response to the housing shortage for returning veterans. A Lustron Historical Society agreed to take what portions they need that will be preserved and incorporated into other Lustron homes, while the remaining parts will be sold for scrap.

The BHS was approached by Hawker Church to preserve and move this historic home, but as finding not only a site for such a project but finding the funds to maintain a historic home into perpetuity are beyond the financial means of our organization. We are saddened by the demise of this home that was on our list of historic homes in our community, and it will be missed. We are however pleased to know that parts of it will be repurposed into other Lustron homes.

Upcoming Events:

Black Hoof Presentation, June 25

Wartinger Park barn – 7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting, July 7

1981 Dayton-Xenia Rd. – 6:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting & Ice Cream Social, July 26

Wartinger Park Barn – 6:15 p.m.

Board Meeting, August 11

1981 Dayton-Xenia Rd. – 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting, September 8

1981 Dayton-Xenia Rd. – 6:30 p.m.

Log by Log Article Submission Deadline

September 16 – 5:00 p.m.; E-mail submissions to the editor at b.joh88@gmail.com

Heritage Day – September 17

Wartinger Park



1368 Research Park Drive
Beavercreek, Ohio 45432

"The objectives of the organization are to preserve structures of historical significance, to develop and present community education programs, and to create a learning center for historic education."

Beavercreek Historical Society Annual Meeting & Ice Cream Social

July 26, 2016 | 6:15 p.m. | Zimmer Barn | Wartinger Park

The time has come to join your fellow members to celebrate the year's successes with a Make Your Own Sundae at the Ice Cream Social and annual meeting! There will be a brief business meeting to elect officers—see next article for slate announcement. Otherwise enjoy socializing with each other... See you there!



Announcing Slate of Officers for 2016-17

Thanks go out to Jeanne Wensits who is chairing this year's Nominating Committee. The slate of officers to appear on the ballot for the 2016-17 program year are:

President:	Jill Kincer
Internal Vice President:	Bob Wagley
External Vice President:	Nancy Wagner
Secretary:	Janice Rice
Treasurer:	Wendy Kirchhoff



Additional nominations from the floor will be welcomed. The election will be held at our Ice Cream Social and Annual Meeting. Members and their families are invited to attend Tuesday, July 26, 2016 in the barn at Wartinger Park. Ice cream will be served beginning at approximately 6:15 p.m. We hope to see you there!