

Log by Log

Our objectives as an organization are to preserve structures of historical significance, develop and present community educational programs, and to create a learning center for historic education.



Tobias-Zimmer Barn Rebuild Update

Submitted by Mary Jean Henry, BHS Secretary

Work continues on the plans to rebuild the Tobias-Zimmer Barn at Wartinger Park. Here is a brief timeline of significant points in the history of the barn from 1814 to the present:

1814	When the Land Grants were issued by President James Madison in August 1814, Jesse Hunt acquired adjacent Sections 28, 29 and 34 in Beavercreek Township, which he divided into smaller parcels for resale. The three sections and the surrounding area was known as "The Big Woods." Years later, the Tobias-Zimmer farm would take shape within this acreage.
1858	The Tobias-Zimmer barn was constructed by early settlers Peter and Mary Tobias who came from Pennsylvania.
1996	Fast forward to 1996, when the barn was donated by its last owners, Bob and Agnes Zimmer. It was moved to Wartinger Historical Park, where it joined the historical log houses already there to serve as a visible representation of farming life in early Beavercreek.
May 2019	From that day until it was destroyed by the May 2019 tornadoes that hit Beavercreek, the Tobias-Zimmer barn was the site of many social and community activities, and an integral part of the Society's Living History Program that has served many thousands of third grade students over the years.
Today	<p>Fast forward to today, and the Society and the City of Beavercreek are working together with McGill Smith Punchon architects to design the historically accurate replacement structure for this important piece of history. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2021 after the project goes through the city's bid process.</p> <p>In addition to plans for the historical replication, the architects will provide a wish list of extra amenities as possible additions to the rebuild. Potential extras could include: restrooms, prep kitchen, patios, etc. These extras would not be covered by the insurance replacement and would need to be funded by donations or public funds.</p>
2021	<i>Stay tuned for future updates about the barn.</i>

Note: Anyone interested in actively supporting the rebuild of the barn can contact the Beavercreek Historical Society at bhsohio@gmail.com.

Membership News

Let's welcome new members **Zach and Emily Carroll**, and thank them for taking an interest in Beaver Creek's history. Emily, by the way, is the daughter of longtime Board member Amy Rohrback.

Membership Chair Sonya Veta reminds everyone of membership due dates. For most of us, our renewal date appears on our mailing label, and a membership/renewal form is included in this newsletter (**see page 5**). New memberships are being actively recruited, so please check with your friends and neighbors. History deserves our attention.

Liaison with Beaver Creek Schools

One of the recently-approved bylaw changes created the Board position of liaison with the Beaver Creek Schools. Ruth Wiley has accepted that position with Board approval. Ruth is obviously well suited, since she is currently Elementary Curriculum Supervisor for the schools. One of her many duties is to work with elementary teachers on the selection of curriculum materials.

Ruth's prior involvement with the Historical Society stems from the curriculum that she and Jana Bass created for third grade students, including a focus on local history.

She and Jana worked closely with The Society's Bob Zimmer and Wendy Kirchner to gather content and pictures for the books they created: *From Rural to Suburban*, *Gone But Not Forgotten*, *Around Our Community*, and *Schools in Beaver Creek*.

Ruth's husband Mark is the current president of the Historical Society. They both grew up in Beaver Creek and raised their family here. Currently three of their four children and their families reside in Beaver Creek as well.



Volunteers Needed!

Looking for something fun to do that will immerse you in the wonderful history of Beaver Creek and connect you to a group of engaged citizens? The Society is looking for volunteers to chair the following committees:

Archives: Oversee the maintenance and upkeep of the Society's historical collection and oversee the acquisition process for new materials.

Programming: Schedule presenters and programs for the Quarterly Meetings and other special events.

Webmaster: Oversee the Society Webpage (GoDaddy), Facebook page and other technical needs.

Help is available with all these positions; we have a long "history" so you wouldn't be starting cold. The positions are Board of Directors positions, so you would also have plenty of interaction and the support of the entire Board.

We appreciate member volunteers and rely on you to keep our Society active. If you are interested in any of these positions and/or volunteering in any capacity, please email bhsohio@gmail.com.



October Annual Meeting Goes Off Without a Hitch

Our unusual 2020 Annual Meeting was held al fresco at Wartinger Park on October 17th. About twenty mask-wearing members unanimously approved the proposed bylaw amendments and elected their officers. The slate of officers presented by the nominating committee was elected by acclamation since there were no additional nominations from the floor. Below are the results of the nominations:

Slate of Officers for 2020-2021

President Mark Wiley (re-elected), **Vice-President Bobbie Carpenter**, **Secretary Mary Jean Henry** (re-elected), and **Treasurer Rodger Reedy**. Hearty appreciation was expressed for outgoing VP **Roger Coy** and outgoing Treasurer **Wendy Kirchoff**.

New VP Bobbie Carpenter is a longtime resident, having arrived here in 1941 as a (very) young girl. She, her mother and grandmother before her, rapidly became involved with Girl Scouts, especially making scouting available to girls with special needs. After the early Beavercreek school system and college, she became a teacher. Just as with Scouts, she later received certification through UD to teach special needs, and she still substitutes in that profession. She and her late husband Ken have two children and numerous grandchildren at universities around the country.

Our new Treasurer Rodger Reedy is a native of Springfield; now living in Fairborn. He's a retired Air Force officer with three tours at WPAFB, and who (like many) was later employed by a USAF contractor. Finally retired in 2019, he brings his experience in program management to BHS. Despite living in Fairborn, he and his wife Marie have been longtime active members of the Beavercreek Historical Society (he also served as membership chairman), and they are now planning to move here. His primary hobby is controlled airplanes.

Living History in this Strange Environment

Yes, the Society's popular Living History program lives on with the third graders of at least one of Beaver Creek's elementary schools, despite Covid complications. Chair Amy Rohrback reports that she provided materials and information to Trebein Elementary so they could conduct their own Living History program at school. She created individualized packets of activities for each student, who were rotated through the activities. The materials and information duplicated what they would have been presented at Wartinger Park in normal circumstances. The teachers (Christina Busch, Julie Curd, Angela Hoh, Brandon Long, Tina McNachtan, Nikki Overholser and Jay Walther) got into the spirit and conducted the program for their students.

Four additional schools (Fairbrook, Main, Parkwood and Shaw) have scheduled for April and May 2021, and Amy will again be providing the packets and information so the teachers can present the six pioneering activities (rag dolls, quilting, spinning, finger knitting, butter and gardening), along with information about the Harshman family moving to Beaver Creek, Beaver Creek Schools History and the importance of growing herbs.



Living History Goes Hollywood: Filming Completed!

Submitted by Amy Rohrback

Using grant funds for the purpose, the Society's contractor DH Productions spent 12 hours on October 3rd and 10th filming for the Living History program. Filming took place at Wartinger Park with seven different Beaver Creek Historical Society members and me. The Historical Society had an opportunity to preview the first video in which Jill Kincer presented the opening activity explaining about the park's existence and the Harshman Family's travels to Beaver Creek from Maryland. The quality of this segment was fantastic and admired by all. The following members subsequently presented the following chores and activities:

Diane Phillips - Rag Dolls
Emily Carroll - Quilting
Becky Jarvi - Spinning
Amber Carlos - Finger Knitting

Gerry Jetter-Smalley - Butter
Denny Jarvi - Gardening
Amy Rohrback - School/Herbs

Former and current Main Elementary students were present for all the filming episodes. Student cast members included Ava Carroll, Noah Carroll, Ainslee Christian, Aiden Holeman and Elizabeth Johannes. DH Productions complimented our young actors on their wonderful job. Eight videos are currently being edited and will be available for the 3rd Grade students to view during their virtual park visit in the Spring of 2021.

Two Generations Ago: Winter 1971

A shortened form of a regular column by member David Shumway, submitted to the Beaver Creek News-Current.

In this winter of 1970-71, fifth graders at Fairbrook Elementary are involved in a pollution study, proclaiming "Pollution is a dirty word." And end of year tests are under attack by, well, students of course, but a lot of educators as well. (Coming forward, these exact same environmental and educational issues beset us today.)

On a lighter note, the Beaver Creek "Jayettes" are having a "mini-shop" at Eastgate Ford for kids to buy small gifts for their parents and siblings. Proceeds to Beaver Creek (Township) Parks. (Bringing that forward, the sexist term "Jayettes" is passe; they're nationally combined with the men. And Eastgate Ford is history.)

For the more adult boys, this same Eastgate Ford offers a 1971 Torino for \$2,735 and a Maverick for \$2,065. Some smaller Christmas gifts include those great 8-track cassettes for \$3.33 and "33 rpm long-playing records" for \$1.44. And King Kwik will capture the memories with 12 Kodacolor prints for \$2.57. (Coming forward, I'm speechless.)

My Beaver Creek Jaycees is also sponsoring and producing the Greene County Junior Miss Pageant. Beaver Creek's own Joyce McNicol was just crowned by long-sideburned emcee and TV personality Gil Whitney.

Sports news flash: Beaver Creek boys basketballers lead their league and are rated #9 in the state. And, in a perennial Beaver Creek strength, the wrestlers have closed out their season unbeaten.

As Christmas 1970 approacheth, I'll probably buy a Scotch pine at The Beaver Creek IGA for \$3.84, "your choice." But why 3.84? (Well, Ohio had a 3% sales tax and Greene County was 1%. It's left as an exercise ...)

Oh yes, Lamachy's Danube Haus has a special party room for holiday events. (I well remember the Hungarian goulash and cabbage rolls; David "Frank" Lamachy's mother was of the old school.)

Lofino's Foodtown is offering the Funk & Wagnall's encyclopedia to grocery shoppers: First volume 25¢ and volumes 2-25 \$1.89 each. (Coming forward, grandparents may be trying to divest themselves of them today.)

Oh, and a gentleman named Roger Coy, Supervisor of Secondary Education for the Beaver Creek Schools in this winter of 1971, has just earned his doctorate at Miami University. (Bringing that forward, much-belated congratulations, Dr. Coy! Roger, a longtime active member of the Society, most recently served as VP.)

JOIN THE BEAVERCREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY TODAY!

Annual memberships begin January 1 and expire December 31 each year. We value your membership as it helps support the many activities of the organization. **Contributions are tax deductible.** Please send your check & this form to: **Beaver Creek Historical Society, 789 Orchard Lane, Beaver Creek, OH 45434.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Future activities are tentative,
pending the COVID-19 pandemic.

Monthly Board of Directors Meetings.

First Thursday, 5:30 P.M.

City Municipal Building

2021 Quarterly Meetings

July 27 & October 26

No Meetings in January & April

2021 Log by Log Submission Deadlines

March 12, June 11, September 10, December 10

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than 9:00 p.m.*



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THE BEAVERCREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S *Quarterly Meeting*

No Quarterly Meetings January & April 2021



Winter Welcome at Wartinger Park

The BeaverCreek Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture hosted a "Winter Welcome" at Wartinger Park December 14-28. Families enjoyed holiday decorations and lights, with each cabin decorated by a different community organization. Appropriately, your Society jumped in and decorated the Harshman House with an "Old Fashioned Christmas" theme. Anita O'Neal led the festive decorating activities, enthusiastically supported by BHS elves Amy Rohrback, Mark and Ruth Wiley, and David Shumway. Unfortunately it ended before you received this newsletter, but we hope you got a chance to visit. The City will probably always have some sort of winter event at Wartinger, and the Society will always play an active role. The picture shows Anita and Amy placing candy canes on the tree.