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THE BEAVERCREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S

# 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.

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## Two Generations Ago: Spring 1971

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

In this tumultuous Spring of 1971, even our major streets seem to be changing. Bellbrook-Fairfield is now split at Indian Ripple; to the north it's North Fairfield, and south to Alpha-Bellbrook it's, well, duh. Alpha-Bellbrook is split into Alpha Road and North Bellbrook, and Patterson Road becomes East Patterson. Progress.

Central Carpet has become more central, relocating on Dayton-Xenia Road, where we can buy that popular "shag" carpet for \$5.95/sq. yd. installed. (Coming forward, I actually bought some and hated it almost immediately; think it's history now.)

Waterbeds are coming! A demo is advertised at DeClark's Gift Shop, of all places. That would go well with your shag carpet in the bedroom.

For the spring hot weather: a six-pack of popsicles is 25¢ at the IGA. And just-opened Wynkoop's Meat Market on Dayton-Xenia Road has "hamburger" for 59¢. (Bringing that forward, "hamburger" has become "ground beef," with particular attention to its lean percentage.) And for the kids, pork liver is on sale for 29¢/lb.

Here's something interesting: Our representative Clarence Brown has just announced a "federal revenue sharing plan" to "improve quality of life." Xenia gets \$145K and Beavercreek Township gets a whopping \$36K. Our long-suffering incorporation efforts have taken notice!

A film "Sex, a teenage moral dilemma" was just shown by the School Board amid discussions on teaching sex ed in the schools. Ah, the times they are a'changing. Peace Lutheran Church is hosting a seminar on pros and cons of the new rock opera "J.C. Superstar." I saw it and loved it; even cried to Andrew Lloyd Webber's music.

The Ohio Department of Health is concerned about the increase in measles in 1971 and is encouraging vaccination. (Some things never change.)

Have to get my Jaycees in here somewhere. We're hosting 120 entrants in several categories for our sixth annual canoe race on the Little Miami this April of 1971.

Eastgate Ford is advertising this Spring with "Honestly now, do you really think the little import cars give you as much as a Ford Pinto?" (Bringing that forward, it is to laugh; the Pinto is now ignominious history and the imports, well ...)

But you can drive your new first-model-year Pinto to the Belmont Auto Theater to watch "Cool Hand Luke," closely followed by the unforgettable blockbuster "Frankenstein Must be Destroyed."

And finally, can't resist a personal note: I just asked a wonderful person to marry me this March of 1971. (Coming forward, we're celebrating our 50th later this year of 2021.)

# Membership News

## A Tribute to Those Leaving Your Board of Directors: Gone, But Still Here

Yes, **Wendy Kirchoff** is no longer our Treasurer, and **Roger Coy** is no longer Vice-President, both having decided not to run again.

Wendy has been a member since about 2008, when she got attracted to the Society's popular quarterly meeting open to the public. She first got attracted to the "Heritage Days" and "Harvest Dinners" projects, and enjoyed the Christmas decorations and events at Wartinger Park. She became treasurer in 2011 when Bob Bader decided not to run again.

She still likes the interesting quarterly meetings and the Wartinger Park activities, so we'll probably see her active there again soon.

And our departing Vice-President **Roger Coy**: You can't get more long-term in Beavercreek than the Coys, who have been contributing here since 1801. Roger got involved with the Historical Society through the Society's programs with the schools, where he was a teacher for 32 years before teaching 18 years at UD. He also served on the superintendent's advisory committee and announced basketball games for 44 years.

We owe both these good people thanks for their service both as active members and officers.

## Volunteer Opportunities!

The Society currently has vacancies in the positions of acquisitions, archives, programs, and website. There's lots of collective experience in most of these areas among the active members, but we need individuals to act as focal points and perform the relatively-simple functions.

If you have interest, or know someone who might be interested even if not currently a member, please contact Secretary, **Mary Jean Henry**, at 937-244-5958 or [mary.jean.henry@wright.edu](mailto:mary.jean.henry@wright.edu).

## In Memorium: Laura Bader

We mourn the passing of long-time active Society member and Beavercreek community contributor **Laura Bader**.

Laura never did anything half-way. Her active participation in Peace Lutheran Church resulted in her being installed in the prestigious Hall of Servants. As a local artist she became a founding member of the Beavercreek Creative Arts Association. Her interest in improving her community led her to help establish what is now known as the Beavercreek Women's League.

And yes, as a member of the Beavercreek Historical Society, Laura was the originator of the first Log by Log newsletter, which she published monthly for nine years. Laura also led the effort to obtain Beavercreek's first Ohio Historical Marker commemorating the site of the first courthouse in Greene County.

In 2019, Laura was inducted into the Greene County Women's Hall of Fame; her generous contributions of time and talent have touched the lives of many and will not be forgotten.

# Update on Tobias-Zimmer Barn Rebuild

Progress continues on the plan to rebuild a replica of the Tobias-Zimmer Barn that was destroyed in the May 2019 tornadoes.

Architects McGill Smith Punshon have provided the drawings below which show the exterior design for the historically accurate replacement structure. The original barn was a saltbox design constructed with a mortised and pinned frame. Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring/Summer 2021 after the project goes through the city's bid process.

In addition to plans for the historical replication, the architects will provide a wish list of extra amenities as possible additions to the rebuild, which 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.

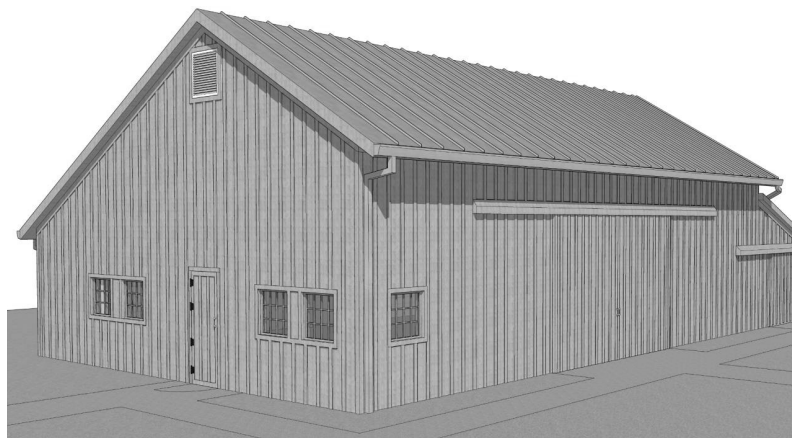
***Saving the barn the first time ...*** The Tobias-Zimmer barn was saved for the first time when the Society recognized its significance as a representation of early Beavercreek life, both in its construction and use, and efforts were made to preserve this important piece of history by moving it to the historical Wartinger Park in 1996. Here it joined the historical log houses already there to be a visible representation of farming life in early Beavercreek, protected so that current and future generations could see some of the typical buildings that served the needs of the early pioneer settlers in Beavercreek, and were critical to everyday survival.

Since its arrival in the park, the Tobias-Zimmer Barn has been an important part of the Living History Program operated by the Beavercreek

Historical Society. This program provides annual educational programming for local third grade students, depicting early 1800's life in Beavercreek and fulfilling a state curriculum requirement to learn Ohio history. In the last five years alone, the program has served over 3,100 students, and it is estimated that since its origin in 1994, it has reached many thousands of Beavercreek school children, teaching them about early gardening, farming and homemaking practices. An integral part of the Wartinger Park, the barn also served as a gathering place for community for activities such as ice cream socials and heritage events, as well as private events.

***Saving the barn the second time ...*** Stay tuned for future updates about saving the barn for the second time and how you can help by making a donation to fund additional "wish list" items to enhance the barn and expand its use.

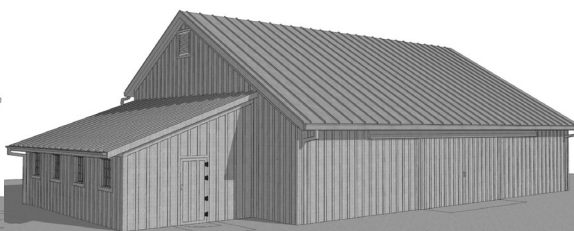
***Note:*** Anyone interested in actively supporting the rebuild of the barn can contact the Society at [bhsohio@gmail.com](mailto:bhsohio@gmail.com) or by leaving a message at 937-427-5514.



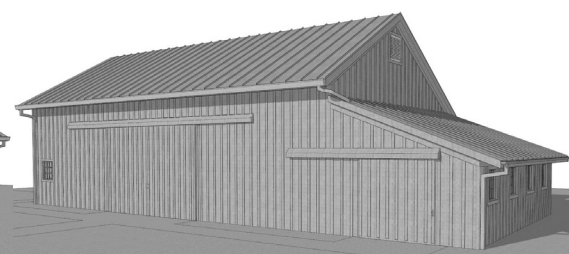
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*Rear left perspective view*



*Rear right perspective view*



*Front right perspective view*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## Monthly Board of Directors Meetings.

First Thursday, 5:30 P.M.

Beavercreek Senior Center

## 2021 Quarterly Meetings

No Meeting in April

July 27 & October 26

## 2021 Log by Log Submission Deadlines

June 11, September 10, December 10

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*Thank You*

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# Quarterly Meeting

No Quarterly Meeting in April | Upcoming Quarterly Meeting July 27, 2021

## Wartinger Park on Wheels is Ready to Roll! *Submitted by Amy Rohrback*

Filming was completed in the Fall and now we have 8 Informational/Educational videos ready for *Wartinger Park on Wheels* for Beavercreek 3rd Graders. These videos have been uploaded to a private YouTube channel for easy access for the teachers. Main Elementary along with Fairbrook, Shaw and Parkwood are scheduled for a week in either April or May to present the lessons that explore what Beavercreek was like in the 1800's.

The schools will also encourage their students to dress as an earlier settler of Beavercreek to add to their experience. Trebein Elementary completed the program in the Fall and now has access to the videos to complete their experience. Online virtual learners will also have an opportunity to experience a similar program through their teacher in May.

Along with viewing the videos, students will be provided with materials to complete "chores" in the areas of Rag Dolls, Quilting, Butter Making, Spinning, Finger Knitting and Gardening. These chores will be completed as they would at a traditional field trip to Wartinger Park or have been modified to meet the goals of the program due to equipment restrictions. ***Happy Learning for All!***