

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Monthly Board of Directors Meetings
First Thursdays, 4:00 P.M.
Lofino Plaza Meeting Room

Quarterly Meeting January 25
Canceled

Future 2022 Quarterly Meetings
Fourth Tuesdays, 7:00 P.M.
April 26, July 26, October 25

Log by Log Submissions due March 11
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THE BEAVERCREEK
HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S

Quarterly Meeting

January Quarterly Meeting Canceled

The board has reluctantly decided that there will be no January 2022 quarterly meeting due to reemerging coronavirus concerns. Stay tuned for news of the April quarterly.

Save the Date(s): 2022 Schedule

The remaining Quarterly meetings are scheduled for **April 26th, July 25th, and October 25th 2022** unless otherwise specified. These are all open to the public and will include historic presentations. We have reserved Peace Lutheran Church for all four, but hopefully the venue will change to a rebuilt Tobias-Zimmer barn in Wartinger Park for the July and October meetings.

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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.

A Quarterly
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Remembering grocery shopping in
Beavercreek: A short Lofino story

Submitted by David Shumway, Log by Log Editor

I came to Beavercreek in 1963, lived on Dayton-Xenia Road and shopped of course at Lofinos down the road. Grocery shopping in Beavercreek then usually meant Lofinos. Charles Lofino and his son Mike were active in the community and it showed. I never knew Charles but got to know Mike a bit through tennis and through Jaycee activities requiring groceries.

Charles worked for his dad Dominick selling produce, and opened the first storefront in 1953 (I think), a small limited produce store on Dayton-Xenia, which grew to groceries in the late 1950s. Then there was a grand opening of a new modern “Lofino’s Foodtown” on D-X in 1966, now part of Lofino Plaza. (The other end of the plaza was Home Federal Savings and Loan, which held my mortgage.) Then in the early 1970s the Lofino company built and managed the entire Beaver Valley Shopping Center, with “Lofino’s Marketplace” as anchor. This was a new and even more spacious grocery, with separate sections and management for produce, meats, bakery, wines and spirits, deli, etc ... commonplace now but cutting edge at the time.

I think Kroger and Meijer were the instruments of Lofino’s demise. As grand as it was, Lofinos was relatively small by today’s standards, local, and intimate ... looking towards the community it served. I’m not sure when the D-X Road store closed, must have been in the early 2000s because the Senior Center opened its doors on the site in 2005. The “Marketplace” at the shopping center closed in 2016.

Charles and son Mike, CEO of the now-varied Lofino enterprises, became more involved in real estate and property development, with major condo development and civic activities primarily in Florida, where Charles died in 2008. And we all know that land donated by the Lofino family has become Dominick Lofino Park and the entire Lofino Plaza including the current Senior Center, Beavercreek Community Theater, and community meeting rooms.

If anyone has more precise info on Lofino’s grocery history, or wants to share a tale about their early years, feel free to contact dashumway@gmail.com.

The Prequel: Digging Deeper Into Deal’s Barn Story

Submitted by Jill Kincer

One story somehow often leads to another. In the Fall 2021 Log by Log, (pgs 6-7) there was a story about John Deal who shared that his restored barn was 150 years old in 1988 when it was moved from the Miller Farm on Hanes Road to its current location, Deal’s Landscape, on Dayton-Xenia Road. Shortly after the newsletters went out, a friendly information-packed email arrived from fellow Historical Society member Jerry Ferguson, a true Beaver creek history buff with long-time local roots. Jerry shared tons of information about the Miller property and his lineage dating back to some of early Beaver creek families. Thanks to Jerry, we now know and share the rest of the story!

Phillip Harshman and wife Frances Durnbaugh Harshman came from Maryland to Beaver creek in 1803 and built the family’s log cabin that now stands at Beaver creek’s Wartinger Park. Phillip and Fannie (as she was known) had six children. Their second child, John Cassius Harshman, was born in 1807 and died in 1880.

Prior to John C. Harshman’s marriage to Ann Maria Miller in 1841, he purchased a 200-acre plot north of Zimmerman. (For those of you who may not know, Zimmerman was the name of the early settlement located at what is now the intersection of Dayton-Xenia and Fairfield Roads.) That 200-acre plot was located on

Hanes Road and eventually became known as the Miller Farm. Jerry assumes it was about that time when his great great grandfather built his barn. That would figure into the same time frame that John Deal had shared. John C. and Ann M. had 9 children, their fourth child being Anna M., Jerry Ferguson’s great grandmother. Anna M. married William E. Ferguson in 1871. After John C. Harshman’s death in 1880, three of his children owned the property, and in 1898, William W. Ferguson acquired this property. Following William W. Ferguson’s passing in 1931, the property was acquired by Morris Miller.

Fast forward some years and subsequently the land was purchased and developed into Kings Gate subdivision on Hanes Road where soon new homes appeared. This most likely coincided with John Deal moving the barn to its current location in 1988. Most interesting is the fact that Jerry’s son lives in Kings Gate. He is proud that he lives on land on where his great great grandmother was born.

The Living History program is alive and well!

Submitted by Amy Rohrback, Education

What a great Fall Living History Program we had! A total of 16 classes of third graders from Main, St. Luke, Trebein and Valley Elementary

New Members

A warm welcome to new members **Chrisonna Lutz** (individual) and **Nancy Kwiat** (family). Also, our Beaver creek Township has signed on as a life member.

Tobias-Zimmer Barn Fund

The Society is seeking contributions to a special fund to help fund amenities for the Tobias-Zimmer barn in Wartinger Park, that are not presently included in the City rebuild contract. Recent contributions by Lynn Hickman-Long in honor of the Phillips family, and by Marjorie Perenic, bring the total to \$5830. Large thanks to the contributors.

Anyone interested in contributing can contact the Society at bhsohio@gmail.com, or mail check to **Beaver creek Historical Society, 1368 Research Park Drive, Beaver creek OH 45432**, or donate online at <https://greengiving.ejoinme.org/donation> (specify designation as Beaver creek Historical Society Tobias-Zimmer barn.)

A Changing of the Guard

Long-time Membership Chair Sonya Veta has been waiting to move on to other things, but loyally stayed on in that essential position until we could find a replacement. Well, one of our newest members stepped up and recently volunteered for the position.

Sonya has done a superb job keeping track of dues-paying members coming and going, as well as obstinately (lol) changing addresses, phone

numbers, and emails. We have individual, family, and life members, as well as an ever-changing list of complementary newsletter subscription addresses ... a complex array of databases. We can’t thank her enough.

Our new volunteer is new member Chrisonna Anderson-Lutz, who was introduced and who filled in at the December Board meeting. Chrisonna serves as Beaver creek Township Administration Clerk. She has lived in Beaver creek for 22 years with her two children, who attended Beaver creek City Schools. She is currently writing a book on the 75-year history of the Beaver creek Township Fire Department, which the Society is eagerly awaiting!

Personal Note From Your Editor

David Shumway

Sharon and I are moving away from Beaver creek (where I’ve lived for 58 years), so this will be my last newsletter. It was extremely enjoyable to be a small part of Beaver creek’s history.

Yes, we had the “first peoples,” then pioneers, then immigrants, entrepreneurs and developers, but we also have us. Each of us, every day, is contributing to that historic record, so it behooves us to do out best to contribute in positive constructive ways. History is a continuum; not merely marking time between events. It is also not static; for certainly today is tomorrow’s history.

Good luck, Historical Society; good luck, Beaver creek.



Photos : Presenter Melissa Dalton ready to spin tales (Page 5) at Fall quarterly meeting and Publicity Chair, Anita O' Neal arranging refreshments (above)

Winter Welcome at Wartinger Park

The Beavercreek Parks, Recreation and Culture Department resumed its annual “Winter Welcome” at Wartinger Park this December 2021, and the Historical Society again actively participated. A decorating team of Anita O’Neal, Amy Rohrback, Mark Wiley, Mary Henry, and Bobbie Carpenter decorated the Ankeney House. And on the one open-house day (the 18th) we hosted crafts and offered spiced (not “spiked”) cider to the multitudes. The kids were shown how to make their own winter bird feeders the old-fashioned way, with pinecones, lard, and birdseed.

The timing of the Log by Log never allows much advance notice to members, so put in on your to-do list for next early December: “Check the Society or the City Parks and Rec newsletter

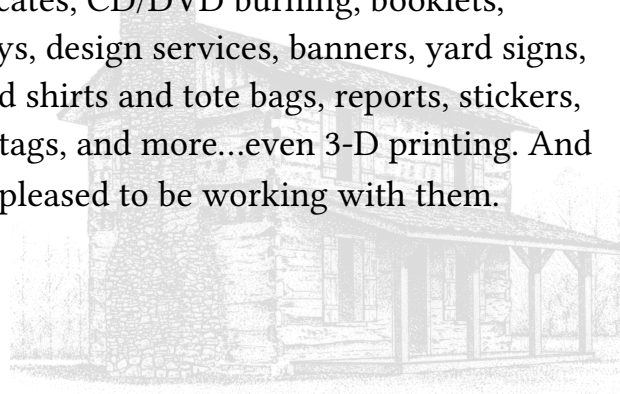
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Your *LogbyLog* has a new publisher

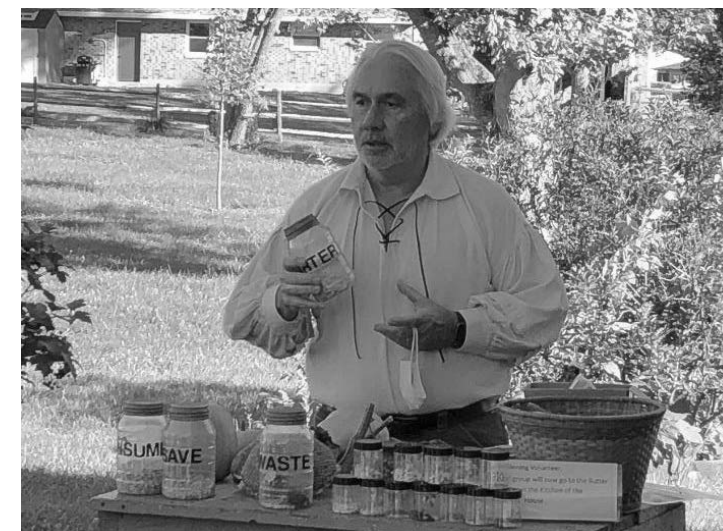
World Digital Imaging has printed the Log by Log for years, but is now also doing the publishing (template, setup, composition, pagination, graphics, photo incorporation, etc.) as well.

WDI is a local Beavercreek firm on Richfield Center, with an impressive array of capabilities: cards, catalogs, newsletters, calendars, certificates, CD/DVD burning, booklets, displays, design services, banners, yard signs, printed shirts and tote bags, reports, stickers, name tags, and more...even 3-D printing. And we’re pleased to be working with them.



attended the program at Wartinger Park on one day over a 4-week period in September or October. We made do without our beautiful barn, but reconstruction has begun by busting up the old foundation and pouring the new one. Our gardening program was held in the open, under a canopy or under the shelter of the Harshman cabin porch. The weather cooperated all but one day when the students enjoyed having lunch inside the Ankeney House due to rain.

Seventeen wonderful volunteers covered 96 time slots to provide the students with learning from the 6 daily chores of Butter Churning, Spinning, Knitting, Gardening, Quilting and making a Rag Doll. A big “Thank You” goes out to: Bobbie Carpenter, Jill Cobb, Amy Dommett, Sarah Haller, Elizabeth Hargus-Tienam, Becky Jarvi, Denny Jarvi, Jill Kincer, Holly Linquist, Debbie Nelson, Anita O’Neal, Diane Phillips, Vicki Ritchie, Mike Self, Gerry Smalley, Janet Taylor, and Mark Wiley for making each day



Photos : Anita O'Neal (left), Mark Wiley (right), Third Grader On Stilts (Page 4)

possible. I would also like to send out a special thank you to our four new volunteers who stepped in to help. Janet Taylor recruited Vicki Ritchie. Vicki volunteered to teach Rag Dolls. Sharon Jernigan recruited and trained Debbie Nelson for the Spinning chore. Mark Wiley stepped in as a Gardener and Anita O’Neal helped with Quilting. Mark is the Beavercreek Historical Society’s President and Anita heads up Publicity and fills in at Programing. Another big thank you goes out to the teaching staff and parent volunteers who helped with the students.

Save the dates of April 25 - May 13, 2022, open for the Spring Program. Fairbrook, Parkwood and Shaw will attend the Living History Program during this time frame. If you are interested in helping with this educational program, please contact Amy Rohrback at 937 477-1007 or email livinghistorybhs@gmail.com.

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Two Generations
Ago, Winter 2022

*The last of a shortened & modified version of periodic column
submitted to the Beavercreek News-Current by member
David Shumway*

After a tumultuous 1971, 1972 is beginning rather quietly.
The biggest winter news is that Rudolph, that cute red-
nosed reindeer, made his TV debut.

Also nationally, the 4.6% Social Security deduction has just
been extended to apply to income up to \$9000. (Today the
percentage is 6.2, and it’s capped at \$147,000.)

Although 1972 is beginning quietly, great things are
brewing. The environmental movement is gathering steam;
witness a “no-light tree decorating contest,” and “Students
for Environmental Action” is recycling Christmas
trees. Social action is also a rising concern; witness the
“Jaycettes” Mini-Shop for kids held at the OSSO Home,

with proceeds to the Training Center for
Developmentally-Handicapped Children.

And women are making themselves known
as (at least) equals to men on national fronts,
but locally we’re definitely lagging: Witness,
“Air Force wives learn first hand about their
husbands’ work at WPAFB.” (I wonder if
any husbands learned about their wives’
work.) Jaycettes are described as “the women
behind the men.” And, DP&L just awarded a
“Junior homemaking scholarship” with pics
of contestants opening an oven and operating
a sewing machine. (Who needs a \$500
scholarship to cook or sew? Today that would
be laughable.)

A community billboard was erected on Dayton-
Xenia by my Beavercreek Jaycees. (Coming
forward, I wonder why that wasn’t continued;
the Jaycees are gone but the useful billboard
remains standing.)

Beavercreek men won their roundball 1971-72
opener against Col White, and then two more.
Doing well. (This 2021-22 season, well ... we
don’t know yet; best of luck!)

TP seems to always play a part in national
crises, but in this peaceful winter of 1972 it’s
three 4-roll packages for \$1. (I think I’d stock
up at that price.)
And you can snuggle up at the Belmont Drive-
In with Angie Dickenson and Rock Hudson
(born Roy Harold Scherer Jr.) in “Pretty Maids
all in a Row.” (Coming forward, that iconic
drive-in is gone (1997), and so is Rock
(1985); Angie is 90. And the pretty maids are
presumably contented grandmothers.)

Fall quarterly meeting
was a howling success

Last October 26th about sixty people, evenly
divided between members and non-members,
listened raptly to four “Spooky Tales from the
Greene County Archives” with names such as
The Case of the Fiery Ferns, Hamlet’s Ghost
in Osborn, The Ghosts of Frogtown, and The
Senator Walks at Midnight.

Talented presenter Melissa Dalton is Public
Relations Coordinator for the Greene County
Records Center and Archives.
She selected these four mysterious murder
cases from among several ghost stories by
Antioch College Professor Harold Igo. His
stories were based primarily on newspaper
accounts of sensational local murders, and
Melissa’s entertaining “facts and myths” behind
them are derived from nineteenth and early
twentieth century records.

We enjoyed the tales and the ghostly
refreshments provided.

