Our objectives as an organization are to preserve structures of historical significance, develop and present community education programs, and operate the History Center for educational outreach and historical research.

#### A Quarterly Newsletter from



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# President's Letter

By Mark Wiley

Spring is here! As we approach our 2024 Spring Living History program I want to recognize our dedicated volunteers. This long-term service and enthusiasm to educate our Beavercreek students about local history is vital to our core mission.

During this past year we have seen an increased interest in Wartinger Park activities. The Historical Society is developing a long-range strategic plan centered on the park. The addition of restrooms to the Tobias-Zimmer barn is on track to be constructed this year.

In order for the Beavercreek Historical Society to continue providing educational and community based service, I am inviting you to join us! We are in need of volunteers to fulfill these roles: Archive Director (organize and maintain paper and digital records) and Historical Buildings Director (liaison with the city to provide insight on needed maintenance and upkeep). Additionally there are opportunities to participate in Living History. I can tell you from personal experience that getting involved in Living History is easy, interesting and rewarding!

This newsletter highlights some of the articles that appeared in the Beavercreek News 60 years ago.

Thanks, Mark

# **Outstanding Young Man**



The second Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award to the Outstanding Young Man in Beavercreek Township will be presented to Rex Warner, Beavercreek High School Football Coach, at a special banquet tomorrow night (Wednesday, Jan.22) at the Colonial Inn.

Coach Warner, 34, attended the University of Louisville on an athletic scholarship. There he became an outstanding tackle and a Little All-American. He was a teammate of Johnny Unitas, quarterback for the Baltimore Colts. Recently he was named to Louisville's Hall of Fame as a member of their all-time football team.

Since he became head football coach two years ago, after serving as an assistant to Roger Coy for two years, the Beavercreek High School team has piled up an 18-1-1 record and is now undefeated in 19 straight games.

Those who work with him say he is not the type of coach to stamp his feet if things go wrong or throw tantrums or challenge officials. He has the qualities of leadership and strength of character that wins respect from the boys he coaches and from fellow coaches. He is never too busy to give his undivided attention to anyone who wishes to speak to him, and his outstanding success as a coach has left him unaffected.

Warner was athletic director and football coach at Bradford High School in Miami County before coming to Beavercreek. In 1963 he was a member of the Beavercreek Merchants Softball Team, which was a state runner-up. He is also an active member of the Beavercreek Boosters Club.

He and his wife Gloria have two children, Melinda in the fourth grade at E.G. Shaw School and Robert, a first grader at E.G. Shaw School. They reside at 5415 Honey Locust Ln.

Members of the selection committee, appointed by the Jaycees, were the Rev. R. K. Pauley, Outstanding Young Man for 1962, and Lefty McFadden of the Lefty McFadden Advertising Co., Inc. Chairman of the selection program was Jaycee member Don Knickerbocker.

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# T. E. (Bud) Crawford Named Beavercreek Fire Chief

Treber E. (Bud) Crawford Sr. was appointed chief of the Beavercreek Township Fire Department by Township Trustees at their meeting last week in Memorial Hall.

Crawford takes the place of John M. Scott who resigned last summer. However, Scott was a "voluntary" chief who, like the men in the department, worked at the job as needed. Crawford, who has been performing the job of full-time paid Fire Inspector, now takes on the duties of both positions. It is the first time that the Township has had a man acting in this capacity on a full-time basis.

Crawford, 43, joined the Fire Department in the summer of 1946. He became a lieutenant in March, 1950, a District Chief in May, 1951, and Assistant Chief in December, 1955. The new Chief, stating that it would be a difficult task to fill the shoes of ex-chief Scott, said he planned no major changes in the local organization. "We will keep up the latest methods of fire and emergency work."

Stating that the Fire Department has experienced growing pains during the last few years the same as every other organization in the Township, Crawford said he plans to rely very much on the Department's district chiefs, especially in policy matters.

Crawford and his wife Louise live at 1293 Bellbrook-Fairfield Rd. They have three children, Douglas 23, Terry 19, and Diane 12.



# **Pythian Sisters Install Officers**

IN LOVELY DRESSES ESPECIALLY FOR THE OCCASION, members of Silver Shield Temple No. 613, Pythian Sisters, held officer installation at the K of P Hall in Alpha last week. First row, l. to r., Evelyn Powers, Manager; Edna Crannick, Protector; Ethel Masters, Most Excellent Chief; Dorothy Puckett, Guard; Louise Duncan, Treasurer; Ruby K. Elam, Past Chief; second row, l. to r., Wanda Scroggy, Installing Officer; Joanne Shaw, Secretary; Jane Muterspaugh, Musician; Carolyn Duncan, Installing Office; Evelyn Glotfelter, Captain of Degree Staff; Louise Wolf, Installing Officer; and Joan Shoup, Excellent Junior.



# Silver Shield Temple Degree Staff



SILVER SHIELD TEMPLE No. 613, Pythian Sisters, Alpha, held initiation last week. New members are Mrs. Harley Puterbaugh, Mrs. Robert Himes, Mrs. Adabell Koogler, and Mrs. Lulu Traford. The

Degree Staff, pictured above, performed the initiation ceremony. They are, front row (l. to r.) Kitty Tomashot, Alice Greer, Ruby Elam, Evelyn Glotfelter (Captain Degree), Louise Wolfe, Betty Durnbaugh, and Jo Brill; back row (l. to r.), June Moore, Anita Runkle, Betty Montgomery, Dixie Gilly, Carolyn Duncan and Maxine Martin.

### BHS Class of '34 Has Reunion

MEMBERS OF THE BEAVERCREEK HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1934 gather together at the original high school (now Beavercreek Motors) for the 30th Reunion. They are (back row, l. to r.) James Murphy, Ralph Palmer, Paul Stafford, William Shawhan, Mrs. Robert Miller (Alice Booker), Wayne Ewick, Mrs. Marie (Schneider) Foster, Wendell Marshall; (front row l. to r.) former teacher Mrs. Guy Coy (Naomi Ingram), Mrs. David Coblentz (Wilhelmina Shank), Mrs. Howard Carter (Mary Lesher), Mrs. Carl Lehman (Juanita Shoup), Mrs. Russell Van Oss (Dorothy Rose Zimmer), Mrs. Carl Hawker (Catherine Wolf), Mrs. Martin Mote (Bernice Mendenhall), Mrs. Marvin Saylor (Mary Belt), and former teacher Frank Zink. Robert Wolfe and former teacher Mrs. Ruth Neff were present but not in the picture. Committee for the reunion included Mary Carter, Mary Saylor, Dorothy Rose Van Oss, Wendell Marshall, Paul Stafford and William Shawhan, host of the day. The centerpiece for the head table was furnished by Mrs. Frank Armentrout (Eileen Sidenstick). It consisted of yellow mums and carnations and yellow roses and blue delphinium (the class flowers). Blue and yellow are the class colors.



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#### We Need You!

If you have an appreciation for the unique and colorful history of Beavercreek and a willingness to work with others, you are a prime candidate to join our team! Volunteers are the backbone of our organization! We need help in several areas to make our team complete and share the workload. You will not work alone—existing board members are ready to provide support. Please consider helping in the following areas: Historical Buildings Director and Program Director. Contact bhsohio@gmail.com



#### Condolences

Former BHS president, Jill Kincer, relayed that former board member and volunteer, Zelma Robinson, passed away this month in Georgia. We would like to extend our condolences to all who knew her. Here is the link to her obituary: https://www.pondersfuneralhome.com/obituary/zelma-robinson

# Not getting our emails?

BHS sends out periodic, time-sensitive email announcements. Send your address to bhsohio@gmail.com to make sure you are on the list. (We do not share emails.)

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#### Welcome New Members:

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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monthly Board of Directors Meetings

First Tuesdays, 4:30 P.M. Lofino Plaza Meeting Room

Log by Log Submissions Due June 7

Do you know about Beavercreek history that would interest others? Please reach out to us. Submit to bhsohio@gmail.com

2024 Quarterly Meeting & Program Dates April 23, 7:00 p.m. Peace Lutheran Church 3530 Dayton-Xenia Rd.

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# THE BEAVERCREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 pm, Peace Lutheran Church, 3530 Dayton-Xenia Rd.

# American Indian Impacts in **Beavercreek Township Prior to 1800**

Within the last 25 years there has been an increasing awareness that American Indians had a major influence on the landscape throughout much of North America, mainly by their use of fire. They wielded it like a paintbrush to create and maintain landscapes that provided them with food, safety, and easy travelling, and they had been doing it for thousands of years. Dave has been mapping public land survey records for the Dayton Region, and it is clear that Beavercreek Township was heavily managed by American Indians, a legacy that can still be seen today. These native cultures had been on the land for over 10,000 years, lasting until 1830 when all were forcibly removed from Ohio by the Indian Relocation Act. The winners write the history books, which often depicted them as "savages", and their cultures, practices, and connection with the land was lost. This presentation is intended to increase awareness of a history that lasted far longer than our recent one.

# **About the Speaker: Dave Nolin**



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- Grew up in Fairborn, Greene County, Ohio, USA
- Attended Wright State University (Dayton, Ohio), graduated with BS in Biology in 1980.
- Received Master's Degree in biology from Wright State University in 1984.
- Retired from Five Rivers MetroParks in 2015 after 30 years involvement in conservation and land acquisition work for the agency.
- Married to Catherine Queener since 1981. Have son, Jacob, 31.
- Now volunteering for several conservation entities.
- Former President of Beaver Creek Wetlands Association.
- Author of book "Discovery and Renewal on Huffman Prairie"