



Delving into Documents- Myths and Legends at Mac-A-Cheek Castle was very interesting and informative. Do you know any myths or legends in West Liberty area? What stories have you heard? Were they backed by facts or stories passed down through the family?

Different versions of The Legend of Squaw Rock stories were shared. Everyone was given an opportunity to give their ideas of the different written accounts. A Shawnee Myth- The Mastodon (Yakwawi) was discussed with the participants acting different parts while the story was read by Margaret Piatt.



Prayers that the weather continues to provide the rain and sun the farmers need to produce great crops this year. Love these hot summer days of driving down a country road with fields of corn on both sides, enjoying the wind in my hair and country music on the radio. Oh, and so looking forward to some hot buttery sweet corn on the dinner table soon! Yummy.

Bible verse of the week-

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace."
Acts 20:24



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July Events-

- *Sansami Creative presents Hamlet two weekends- July 19-21 and July 26-28 at Mac-A-Cheek Castle- 7 pm
- *Mid Summer Nights Dream Dinner Event 20th 7:30 pm Downtown West Liberty Dorcey's Flowers
- *Quarter Midget Races- 21-22 Ball Park
- *Tent Revival 25-29 at Lions Park at begins at 6 pm. Sponsored by WL1st Church of God. Food Trucks available 5-9 pm. Worship by Jeremy Liles.
- *21st Annual Ice Cream Social- WLUMC- 28th - 4 pm-7:30pm Benefit for Andy Smith -medical concerns. For info call Nancy Dowden at 937-605-1909

August Events-

- *Lions Fish Fry - 4th 5-7 pm
- *4th Annual Young Life Run- 7th 7-10 pm
- *Concert on the Lawn at Mac-A-Cheek Castle by the West Central Community Concert Band 12th 7 pm

- *Quarter Midget Races- 12th
- Boss Run- 18th 8:30 am Ball Park
- *Labor Day Festival- 31 - September 3 Lions Ball Park
- *Project Teddy Bear & Friends will have a booth at The WL Labor Day Festival- FREE stuffed animals & thrift items.

September Events-

- *Quarter Midget Races- 8th & 9th
- *Quarter Midget Races- 6th/7th and 27/28th
- *Project Teddy Bear & Friends non profit will have a booth at The Ohio Fish & Shrimp Festival- 21st-23rd. FREE stuffed animals!

Logan County Events-

- *Rock The Lake- Lakeview - August 3-5 Mandisa, Unspoken, Carrollton, and Mallary Hope

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK!

The Legend of Squaw Rock

Photo by Ron Irick

Sitting high on a hill overlooking the Mac-A-Cheek Valley is a huge boulder known for generations as "Squaw Rock." It is located on ST Rt 245, across the road from Mac-A-Cheek Castle. It is hard to see from the road these days because of the trees and brambles growing around it. An important note- it is on private property so you can not walk up to see it. On this rock is an Ohio Historical Plaque which says: Squaw Rock of Indian Legend - Site Shawnee Village Mac-A-Cheek and home Chief Moulnta. Destroyed 1786 by Col. Logan. Simon Kenton Gauntlet 1778.

The biography of Donn Piatt includes an excerpt by his first wife Louise Kirby Piatt. This version is the one I have heard the most. Colonel Logan and soldiers came through to destroy the Shawnee Indian towns in the area. During the fighting, a soldier saw someone hiding behind the rock and thinking it was an Indian brave took aim, and killed them. Upon checking the soldier discovered that he killed a squaw and that she had a baby near by but unharmed. Feeling remorse he buried the squaw by the rock and took the baby boy home to raise as his own. The soldier had a daughter younger than the boy and they were raised together. As time passed, the two fell in love. However, she was worried about what others would think and married a white suitor instead. The day after their wedding the girl and her husband were found murdered in their cabin. The Indian boy was never seen again.

In Louise's own words, "The slayer of a mother wept over his murdered child, for the disappointed lover, fate's avenger, had done his work and passed away--"fatal as lightening, silent as the sight."

In Mackachack Valley and it's Indian Legends by Oswald K. Reames his version states, the boulder had become a gathering place for Indian lovers. He says the tribe believed the waters of the creek were sacred. If the blood of a deer mixed with the water by a member of the tribe it would mean something bad would happen. An Indian maiden tried to correct the aim of her lover who was hoping to kill a deer who was getting a drink at the creeks edge.

She was unsuccessful and the deer's blood trickled into the water. The maiden said something bad was going to happen and in the fall of 1796 Colonel Logan came to destroy the Indian town. He said the maiden was the daughter of the leading chief. The Chief's daughter met in secret with her lover because her father did not approve and they would meet at their favorite place, the rock. After her father died in one of the Indian wars they were married and continued to meet at the rock. When the village was attacked she went to the rock with their baby thinking to meet her husband there.

The story in the Historic West Liberty, Ohio Sesquicentennial booklet adds that the rock was of glacial period origin, the meeting place of several of the seven nations of the Indian Confederacy and was a designated spot for pow wows. It was said that the Indian boy was given the name of : "White Eagle" by the Kentuckians.

It is also mentioned in Mac-O-Chee Valley by Miss Keren Jane Gaumer of Urbana, Ohio, in a reprint from the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly, October 1917. Abram Sander Piatt also wrote a lengthy poem on the subject and the story has been published in many newspapers over the years and other history books as well. Forever a story of war, love, and betrayal remembered by a huge rock on a hill in the Mac-A-Cheek Valley we call home.



Project Teddy Bear & Friends non-profit has been busy sorting donations, having people come and look through thrift donations (because we have lots more than usual which is a good problem to have) and getting ready for our free yearly give away at the West Liberty Labor Day Festival. The Teddy Bear Plinko game is ready to go and we have a two prizes when you play a free game. this year. Please let the Teddy Bear Lady know if you would like to volunteer to help get items to ball park, help at booth for a couple hours etc. Make an appointment to come and look through thrift items if interested. Everything is free! Thanks!

Monroe Township Achieves National FireWise USA Recognition!

Submitted by Jeremy Keller Rural Operations Officer Bellefontaine Fire & EMS

The Mad River Valley area of Monroe Township in Logan County became just the third community in to achieve national FireWise USA recognition last month.

Please join the Monroe Township trustees and the West Liberty Fire Department as a ceremony to mark this achievement.

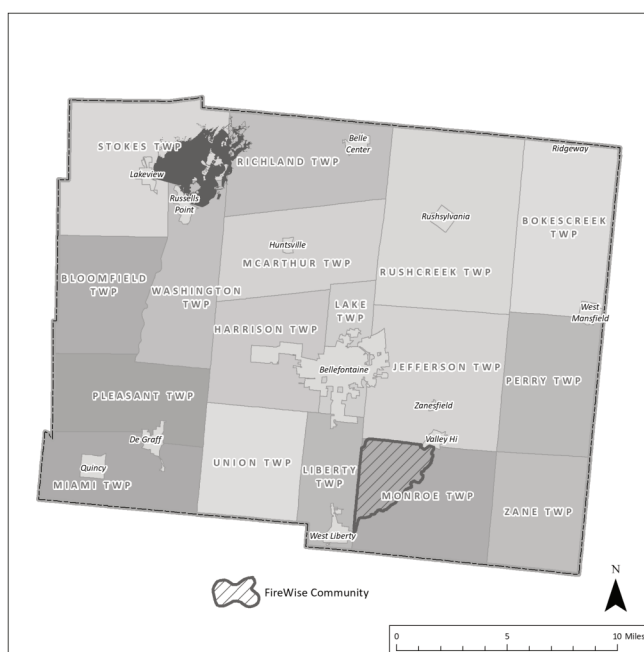
Monday, July 30th at 6:30 pm

Mad River Bridge at CO Rd 29 and Co Rd 5 (near Wenger's Produce);
alternate rain location is Monroe Township Hall in Pickrelltown.

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The FireWise USA program is a community risk reduction effort of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Ohio Division of Forestry. FireWise USA communities take positive educational and mitigation actions to reduce residents exposure to the risks of wildfire, including brush, grass, field and woods fires. The Monroe Township trustees, residents of the Mad River Valley, West Liberty Fire Department and Bellefontaine Fire & EMS worked together to meet the program requirements and pro-actively address this fire risk to local homes, farms and businesses.

Did you know that Logan County firefighters respond to about 45 wildland fires a year? While most of these fires are small, any one of them has the potential to threaten life and property, and almost all of them are preventable. The FireWise USA program tackles this problem head-on, enlisting local residents in preventing wildfires and taking appropriate mitigation action to protect their homes and property.



Monroe Mad River locater



Monroe Mad River workup