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An Evening at Forest Retreat

Beautiful Forest Retreat Farm was the setting for the second annual Nicholas County Historical Society post derby fund raiser. We were again able to take advantage of the generosity of Phil and Trudy Tibbs and use the tent, tables, chairs and various other accoutrements they had for their famous derby party the day before. Over 125 people were in attendance to enjoy the food, music and beautiful setting.

A new addition this year was the silent auction with more than 20 items donated by members and businesses. The auction was very successful as was the entire event which raised nearly \$10,000 for the continued restoration of the Neal Building.

Remembrances and Memorials

Our sympathy to the family of William Hunter. He and his wife Margaret have been long time members of our society.

Sympathies also to the families of members Phyllis Cox and Steve Kimberling and our thanks to them for naming the society as a suggested memorial. To date we have received contributions in their memory from the following:

In Memory of Steve Kimberling: Dr. and Mrs. W.R. Kingsolver; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shrout; and Mr. and Mrs. James Allen Murrell

In Memory of Phyllis Cox: Dr. and Mrs. W.R. Kingsolver; Mrs. Dollie Galbraith; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shrout; Mr. and Mrs. Charles House; Mrs. Patsy Smoot; and Jock Conley and Sue Kirby.

In addition we have also received donations from Ann M. Sharp and Liz Clay Bradley ***in memory of Carol Garvin.***

Welcome Center visitors from around U.S.

The Neal Welcome Center and Doll and Toy Museum next door have had numerous visitors during the spring and early summer. The guest book shows visitors from Kentucky and around the country including Delle Perran from Belton, Missouri, a descendant of Daniel Boone and John Harrod from Los Angeles, California, a descendant of James Harrod.

The Welcome Center is open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 to 5. If anyone is interested in joining the team of greeters who work half a day to greet and assist visitors and tourists please contact Gladys Shrout at 859-289-5174 or 859-749-7986. It's a lot of fun to meet, greet and reminiscence with people who drop by.

As envisioned, the welcome

center with its space, furnishings, and fully equipped kitchen is proving to be a convenient facility for community meetings, receptions and parties. If you are interested in renting the center for a function, contact Michelle McDonald at 859-289-3735.

Welcome New Members

The Nicholas County Historical Society would like to welcome our new members – Jo Lynn Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hugo Guthrie, Paul Mulhollem and Valerie Cravens, Doug and Mary Susan McCord and Cheryl McGahen.

Society Newsletter available electronically

If you are interested in receiving this Newsletter electronically (.pdf by email) let us know at:

NCHistorical@jones2.net

2008 Annual Society Member's Dinner

The Nicholas County Historical Society met June 13 for the annual member's dinner meeting. An excellent meal was enjoyed by the over 50 members attending.

Quinton Tyree from Blue Licks State Resort Park spoke on the activities at the park and the recent project to locate artifacts from the Battle of Blue Licks. He explained the details of the search project and brought a few of the artifacts that were found for members to see.

During the business session the following board members were elected: Robert Garvin, Miles Hughes, Carlton Jones, Alex Kazunas, Ginny Kingsolver, Sue Kirby, Will Leger, March McCormack, Michelle McDonald, Carol Power, Gladys Shroust and Jan Wesley Taylor.

Many thanks to Ed Taylor, March McCormack, Kay Shankland, Sue Kirby, Gladys Shroust and Michelle McDonald for the wonderful food and to all those who helped set up and clean up.

Neal Building Progress

Work proceeding on Museum, Library

Work on the Conley Museum and Genealogy Library wing of the Neal Building is about 60% complete and moving along at a steady pace.

Scheduling of workmen, delivery of materials and more detailed interior work have slowed work somewhat with completion now expected in the fall.

Finishing of walls and floors, painting and interior trim work are now in progress.

Lighting fixtures are on order and their delivery sets the critical path for completion.

Heating and cooling duct-work is in place but outside units have not been set.

Material for extension of the rear external fire escape to the

second floor will be delivered in the next few weeks.

Basic items needed in Neal Center Kitchen

The Neal Center kitchen needs your help. With the installation of a stove, and the activity schedule picking up, the staff has discovered a desperate need for serving spoons, carving knives, sauce pans, skillets, sugar bowls, and cream pitchers.

If your spring cleaning efforts left you with extras, please consider donating them to the Neal Center.

For more information, contact Michelle McDonald at (859) 289-2614.

Museum & Genealogy News

Our curator Jim Haag is quite interested in historical items from Nicholas County. He is particularly interested in memorabilia from the many towns that once thrived in Nicholas County.

The following list contains towns in Nicholas County which have had post offices in the past and the date that the post office closed: Abner (1903), Barefoot (1936), Barterville (1973), Blackhawk (1882), Blue Licks Springs (1919), Bramblett (1904), Buzard Roost (1861) Buffalo Trace (1876), Carlisle (Open), Carter's Store (1857), Chapel (1881), Crayton (1924), Davidson (1907), East Union (1857), Ellisville (1906), Forest Retreat (1861), Flora (1928), Griffith's (1854), Headquarters (1906), Hinkston (1904), Hooktown (1904), Irvinesville (1863), Lower Blue Licks (1850), Licking (1904), Marengo (1876), Miranda (1906), Mirror (1906), Morningglory (1921), Moorefield (1997), Myers (1971), Myersville (1873), Oakland Mills (1906), Paynter (1899),

Pleasant Valley (1906), Saltwell (1906), Sprout (1907), and Weston (1875).

If you have anything from any of these towns (pictures, letters or cards with postmarks, advertisements, etc) please give Jim a call at 859-289-6587 or 895-473-0101.

Janet Mitchell of Carlisle has donated a well-preserved picture of historic and genealogical interest from the estate of Nelson and Elizabeth Fryman which is now on display at the Welcome Center. The picture is titled "Loyal Workers of Blue Licks, Kentucky" and from the subjects dress appears to have been made around 1900.

What makes the picture particularly interesting and useful is that it contained a quite legible listing of each person in the picture written on the back of an old voting ballot. Family names include: Fryman, Dillion, Christian, Snapp, May, Hunter, McClanahan, Kenton, Selby (Shelby), Hamm, Sellers, McCord, Purcell, Richey, Herrington, Wells, Sipe and Sampson.



Quilts were on display July 3-5 as the Nicholas County Art Guild held their Annual Quilt Show at the Neal Building.