

Union County Historical Society Newsletter

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**A YEAR
IN REVIEW
2021**

The Union County Historical Society had a good year! A few highlights from the year were:

*A new roof was put on the cabin. Britt Hensley completed this job and there is a shingle plaque at the cabin acknowledging his work.

*Kelly Leonard contacted UCHS about putting the Sesquicentennial Book on Wiki Tree for public access. It is good for people to be able to view this.

*The museum is open on Sundays during the summer and by appointment. Liberty Elementary 4th grade visited the cabin and the museum as part of their fieldtrip.

*The cabin was decorated and hosted Santa during Christmas in our Hometown.

A DAY AT THE DEPOT MUSEUM

A Day at the Depot Museum was a new event for the Historical Society this year. It was held on Saturday of Labor Day weekend. This event took the place of Founder's Day and will continue to be an annual event for our organization.

Our hope was to bring a greater awareness to our community about the museum. There were vendors, food, Bicentennial Booth, and our annual auction. The museum was open all day for visitors. Our hope in the future will to grow with more vendors, artisans, demonstrators and our auction.

The Union County commissioners provided a clock face from the courthouse to be auctioned. The clock face was one of the original that was replaced in 1992 from when it was built in 1892.

We appreciate Jim Hensley giving his time to auction our donated items. A Bicentennial Quilt made by Mary Reiboldt and donated by Norman and Mary Reiboldt that was raffled off was chosen also. Becky Curry was the winner of the quilt. We are looking forward to the coming year and another Day at the Depot Museum. It will be held on September 3, 2022 and we hope to see you there! If you have something to contribute we would love for you to take part in the day!

**IN MEMORIAM
PAUL WIWI
1940-2021**

Paul was an active member in the Historical Society as well as the community. His presence will be missed.

U N I O N C O U N T Y B I C E N T E N N I A L 1 8 2 1 - 2 0 2 1

Union County celebrated it's 200th Birthday in 2021. A Bicentennial committee was created and Bev Wiwi and Linda Brookbank represented the Historical Society and played a huge role in planning the celebration. Celebrating during a pandemic is not easy but they pulled it off. There were different contests, a king and queen named, a parade, quilt show, special music and many activities around the courthouse square.

The committee had a couple come on Pioneer Day as reenactors from the Civil War era. The cabin exhibited several vintage dresses from the 1800's.

*Howie and Nancy Huntington created a garden and home tour. Pictures were taken of homes and gardens around Union County and placed in a book. They donated their profit from the book to the

to the Historical Society.

*Thanks to George Marinakas for leather supplied for a project and Maggie Barnhizer for a character board painted for pictures.

*Bev Wiwi had a quilt made by Mary Reiboldt which was donated by Norman and Mary Reiboldt to be raffled off and all proceeds were given to the Historical Society.

*The Historical Society sponsored a poster and essay contest for school including all grades. Essays were read during the celebration and posters were displayed in Liberty and College Corner. Linda Brookbank, Bev Wiwi, Frances Yates and Joyce Crouch orchestrated the contest.

*The Templeton Cabin and the Museum were open throughout the Bicentennial.

DONATIONS 2021 DONATIONS & MEMORIALS

*Dic Worcester donated a display case from Dr. Charles Bridenhager's dental office building. It was from the 5 & 10 store that was in the building prior to his practice.
 *Jeanne Hubbard donated items from the Korean and Vietnam Wars worn by her husband MP Hubbard during his service to our country.
 *Dorothy Grimme gave a Snapper Turtle lawn mover Herschel Grimme designed. It was only used as a display for his store. Also given was a grinding stone and 1919 Judd Washing Machine.
 *Todd Woodruff donated medical books from Dr. DuBois' schooling and practice. *Gary Finch donated a rope bed to the cabin.

DONATIONS:

Terry & Brenda Abernathy
 David Bertch
 Barry & Stefani Boggs Bob & Rosemary Brasie
 Lewis & Mary Brier
 Howard Curry
 Sue Fields
 Mabel Hensley
 Jeanne Hubbard
 Doug & Marilyn Jordan
 Dick & Janice Kingman
 Patsy Loudermilk
 Ken & Carol McCashland
 Gary & Daphne McCarty
 Roberty Napier
 John & Connie Powers
 Chris & Linda Rosenberger
 Bonnie Scaggs
 Anita Scott
 Jack & Karen Soper
 Steve & Theresa Schwegman
 Dave & Michelle Wedding
 Steve & Marcia Weller
 Paul & Bev Wiwi
 Tim & Joy Woodruff

MEMORIALS:

Sue Cain for *Tom Cain*
 Evon Churchman for *First Missionary Baptist Church*
 Richard Davis for *Tommy Cantrell*
 Chris Dragoo for *Marilyn Dragoo*
 Bill, Sherry, Reily Frazer for *Forrest & Viola Stevens*
 Sheri Gulde for *Marcus Gulde*
 Dr. John & Judy Hasler for *Dr. J.O. & Helen Hasler*
 Susan Huber for *James Hunt Davis*
 Barbara Henderson for *John & Frances Mitchell*
 Don Isaac for *Patricia Rose Shepler Isaac*
 James and Darlene Kaufman for *Glen and Barbara Kaufman*
 Patricia Lafuze for *Virginia Bostick & Charmaign Dare*
 Keith Logan for *Jean Logan*
 Steve & Vicky Logue for *Virginia Bostick*
 Ron & Arleen Myers for *Ethan Boggs*
 Marla Neukam for *Marie Neukam*
 Stephen Retherford for *Ted & Verna Mae Retherford*
 Darrell & Betty Richardson for *Tommy Cantrell*
 JoAnne Sawyer Knoll for *Omega Sawyer*
 Gary & Linda Sayne for *Virgina Beck Sayne*
 Ed & LouAnn Swafford for *Bob Barnard*
 Marcella Whipple for *Harry & Lucille O'Dell*
 Tim & Joy Woodruff for *Sue Woodruff*
 Herdrich Petroleum for donating a percentage of gasoline sales from Country Mark.

UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WATER WORKS



The Water Works Building will be opening this spring in a new venture. We are going to open a Union County Artisans Gift Gallery. Our local artisans have been very excited about being a part of this and how it will be a nice addition to our town and community. In the summer months we will be hosting the local farmers market outside on Saturdays. The UC Commissioners also

gave a courthouse clock face to the society to keep and display. This face has been mounted on the East side of the building. We would like to thank Johnny Wright, Russel Rude, Kyle Campbell and Steve Logue for hanging it on the building. A sign will be placed on it to show the donation. Russel Rude was hired to build a handicap ramp and

place a handicap door on the south side of the building. Keep a lookout for the opening this spring! The Liberty Heralds have also been brought to the Water Works. The Liberty Herald owners donated all of the archived papers to the Historical Society. They can be accessed upon request.

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Frances Yates has been a great asset to the Union County Historical Society. She has been very instrumental in helping getting history out to our community and on line.

This past year with the Bicen-

ennial celebration, she along with some of her staff created IUE Library Guide for Union County. You can go to this website and view artifacts from the museum as well has pictures and history of Union County. Matt Dilworth a member of her staff

at IU East Library also created a 3D replica of the Courthouse and the Library that can be made. The patterns are in the library. He also

Frances has been a great contributor to the Union County Historian Facebook page. She has shared many interesting topics. Thank you Frances!



