

1807 COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP 2007
COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Homecoming weekend was quite a three day event. The Bicentennial Booklet was put together just days before we needed it. Dale Rundle was done putting up hay so we had a wagon to decorate as a float for the parade. (We did get a prize) The folks doing the decorating had not done anything like this in years. At the last minute some of the firemen were recruited to get the school bell from the museum to the float and back again. There was also a last minute change from truck to tractor and driver. North Ridgeville and Liverpool Township Historical societies both had parade entries. Their Bicentennial is in 2010.

Our work on the Citizen of the Year for the Homecoming Committee went well. We had good response from the community. Ray Anthony, our Fire Chief received the award. If you did not see the write up in the Chronicle you can go to our web site for a write up on his accomplishments. All the nominations that we received were excellent. We have a lot of people in Columbia who do a lot for the community.

Bronson House open houses were well attended.

Thank you, to everyone who helped on all the projects, the set up, at the booth, at the museum and tear down.

Our book, We Remember, has just about sold out the 100 copy printing. Mary Ellen Jenkins has done a wonderful job She is now working on Vol II. So pictures and stories are being requested again. Folks that want to do interviews or research are welcome. One item we would like someone to research, would be about Mr. Case who shot a man stealing a Christmas tree. We have heard a couple of versions but need the newspaper accounts to verify the most correct.

While the weather is nice a work day at Bronson needs to be scheduled. The long glass case needs to be cleaned in and out. A general spruce up is needed.

A Historical Bicentennial project that celebrates our History.

We have the permission of the school to set up our recreation of the original pioneer camp on December 7 & 8, just west of Middle School on the tree line. On the 7th school classes would be invited to view the camp and go through Bronson House in a walk through to contrast the difference. We hope to ask the elementary teachers if those

classes would like to make a decoration for the "Holiday" tree. (PC you know) Hours would be set to coincide with school schedule.

On the 8th the public would be invited. The officers thought noon until 4:00 with cider on the stove. We will contact the Methodist Church, Baptist Church and Town Hall to see if they would like to have an open house showing their history also.

With all working together and a prayer for no rain it will get done.

Meetings:

September 11, Town Hall, 7:30 P.M.

Last February Mary Ellen Jenkins was to present Bethia Baker Speaks from the Past. Mary Ellen will give some of the material that she was going to do but put some emphasis on the old Hoadley, Baker, West View Cemetery. The present owner/developer has made noises about moving the cemetery. At the last membership meeting this was brought up.

October 9, Town Hall, 7:30 P.M.

Storms a Brewing: A general subject to get as many people involved as possible. Do you remember or have heard a story about a particular storm, the tornados of 1911, 1948 or the big one of 1965. The rain storm of 1972, floods in the 1950's or later some that stopped July 4th parades or information about the flood of 1913 or just the opposite for our farmers drought. Snow storms and blizzards there are stories to tell and pictures to unearth. Come one and all.

November 13, Town Hall, 7:30 P.M.

Columbia Center: Participation is again requested. Stories of Churches, schools, Town Halls, Homes, the store, the fire department, the pump, the band stand. It was the center of much activity when people got together for work, for play for learning and social contact. We are looking for our history we need everyone's help.

December 7 & 8 – It will be our event.