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PRESERVING OUR APPALACHIAN HERITAGE

OPENING OF RUSH WRAY MUSEUM FOR THE SEASON - APRIL 18TH, 2015



The season opening of the Rush Wray Museum began with members of the Green Mountain Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans dressed with Civil War uniforms. Elaine Boone, Board President, gave a welcome address and opened to the McElroy House to visitors. An exciting event was the helium filled balloons released by the children in attendance.



Free tours of the house and grounds were given. Light refreshments were served. Yancey History Association can only remain open and vital to the community because of generous members and donors, unfailing community support, much needed and appreciated grant money plus the countless hours donated by the dedicated volunteers.

TOM HIGGINS AND "NASCAR MEMORIES"

Tom Higgins, a member of NASCAR'S Hall Of Fame, was guest speaker at the Yancey County Library May 30th, an event sponsored by the YHA.

He was born and raised in Yancey County where his father was a game warden and his mother taught school. Tom's early introduction to journalism came when he was sports reporter for the Burnsville High School student newspaper where he was a member of the class of 1955.

He is a renowned motor sports reporter and has covered NASCAR for the "Charlotte Observer" and other newspapers for more than half a century. Tom is a natural born story teller and his tales of "Moonshine runners", NASCAR'S "Golden Years" and the stars of today proved to be highly entertaining.

The event was followed by a book signing of tom's latest book "Racing Into The Past" and a good time was had by all.



GARDEN NEWS FROM PAT SCHOSSER

The spring section of the garden is up and growing. The sticks in the garden are for the peas to climb. In this section are plants that are planted in early spring. The branches are what my neighbor uses for her peas. She has been gardening some 80 plus years.

The rest of the garden is ready for the summer garden. The hills are for the Native American area.



The far side is the European influence.

It is my goal to focus on the contributions made by the various nationalities, or the residence of Yancey County. Off to the sides, the perennials are in bloom.

A team of Master Gardeners will supply the work done in the landscape and kitchen garden. Thank you ladies for your hard work.

DR. CAROLYN CORT



Dr. Carolyn Cort, Yancey History Association lifetime member and donor to the YHA of the Bailey Annex in honor of Dr. Lloyd Bailey, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on April 22, 2015.

Her life was characterized by love and service. As a pediatrician in Burnsville for 33 years, she cared for each patient with compassion, gentleness, and skill. She served on the boards of High Pastures, The Parkway Playhouse, Family Violence and the Yancey County Library.

She loved the arts, playing violin and piano, and singing in the church choir. She loved God's creation, and had a zeal for life, never missing an opportunity for adventure.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 47 years, Dr. David Cort: four daughters and sons-in-laws, 8 grandchildren and countless beloved family members and friends.

Our hearts are broken at the YHA. We so wanted her to see our transformation of the lower floor of the Bailey Annex into exhibit areas for Yancey Co. History. Her spirit will always be present here where she was the loving doctor who was on call every day to save the children of Yancey County. Dr. Cort was our inspiration.

ESTATOEE (es-to-toe-e)

Estootowie in early records. A Cherokee place name, shortened to Estatoe/Estatoah, from which the name Towe of Toe River is derived.

Board Members

Elaine Boone - President
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Office Hours:

Wednesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

This school year brought many exciting hands-on experiences for the K to 5th graders in the Magic Program at Burnsville, Micaville and South Toe Elementary Schools. Laura Seelbach demonstrated chair caning and then the students took turns working with the wet cane to create a heritage pattern on the chairs.

Christina Gordon brought baby goats and a taste of goat milk at her first session and then took the 4th & 5th graders back to pioneer days with rustic hide tanning as she had the children scrape down a deer hide. All the children were scheduled to visit the McElroy House and tour the museum, grounds and garden accompanied by docents in period dress. Unfortunately, some of the classes missed coming to YHA but all the students were given a McElroy House book to keep. The "Hands_On

Heritage" Program closed out the 21st Century Magic Grant school year with a "Taste of History" for K & 1st graders focusing on the importance of the wonderful Native American gift of corn and how the early mountain pioneers relied on that grain. The children were shown the various types of milled product and sample home-made cornbread and popped corn. YHA could not have participated in the Magic Program without the help provided by the many volunteers who contributed along the way:

Elaine Boone, Debby Nance, Pat Schosser, Elizabeth, Brandi, Abigail and Hannah Silvers, Mark Huber, Judy Fuqua and Jim and Chris Carter.

Because so many of the scheduled programs were canceled

this year the remaining funds will be spent on more tours at YHA for the Magic summer session.



VETERAN'S BBQ

The YHA would like to extend a special invitation to all veterans to join them July 11th for an afternoon of food, fun and camaraderie as they present their third annual Veterans BBQ. There will be a get acquainted hour from 11:30 to 12:30 followed by lunch at 12:30. The afternoon activities include our special guest Edward



Logan, a WW-II B-17 bomber pilot, who will tell of his war time experiences including being shot down over Austria in 1944. There

will also be an exhibit of items from WW-1, WW-11, Korea and VietNam. If you have any memorabilia or souvenirs of your military days you would like to share please bring them along.

The Mystery of History



Are you ready for thrills and chills?

Want to know about *The Leech Place* and the monster that supposedly resides there? or the *Lorelei of the French Broad*?

or the *Phantom Rider of the Confederacy*?
 Come explore some of North Carolina's mysteries throughout history. Mysteries like the *Brown Mountain Lights*, the *Cherokee Little People*, the *Woollybooger*, the *Whangdoode* and more.

Hear stories (ghost, legends, and mysteries), play traditional games from the past, create folk crafts and, most of all, have a blast as you trace a path through time on the heels of a mystery.

Storytelling Camp 2015 July 27th - July 31st
 McElroy House Grounds and Proffitt-Cousins Cabin Burnsville
 Age: 8 - 12 • Time: 9:30 to 12:30 • Max Capacity: 12 children • Cost - \$65
 call Linda Elsegood 828-682-1554 or email: lindahvickers@frontier.com
 During the month of June contact: Jerri Storie 828-264-2968 or email: jerri.storie@gmail.com
 Forms downloadable from our website www.yanceyhistoryassociation.org
 or call the YHA on 828-678-9587

STORYTELLING CAMP RETURNS FOR IT'S 3RD YEAR

Storyteller and educator Sherry Lovett has done it again picking a theme that will be both educational and exciting. "The Mystery of History" will be held July 27th -31st, on the grounds of the McElroy House and Proffitt-Cousins cabin. Games, Period Snacks, Unusual crafts and Scary Stories will keep the lucky children rivited for a week. Space is limited to 12 children aged from 8-12. You can reserve your child's space by calling Linda Elsegood at 828-682-1554 or emailing lindahvickers@frontier.com for more information and application forms.

REMEMBER YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELPS US MAKE ALL THESE EVENTS POSSIBLE.

Welcome to the YHA,

Members will receive the following:

- Quarterly newsletters of the ESTATOEE
- 10% discount* at our gift shop (Ce-Nan)
- Free Museum Admission
- Free use of Genealogy library
- Annual meeting and programs

Other membership gifts:

- With Donation of \$250 - Free copy of McElroy House by Michael Hardy
- Gold Business membership includes a mention in the YHA quarterly newsletter

Donations above the membership subscriptions are most welcome.

* Some recent publications may not apply

Membership: (tick one box)

- Individual \$20
- Family (2+persons) \$40
- Senior (60+) \$15
- Senior Family (60+) \$30
- Silver Business \$100
- Gold Business \$250

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Method of Payment

Cash Check Paypal on the website

Send cash or check to: Treasurer, Yancey History Association,
3 Academy Street, Burnsville, North Carolina 28714

The YHA website www.yanceyhistoryassociation.org will keep you up to date with activities. The newsletter ESTATOEE will be delivered via email, please ensure we have this information. If you have no email, a copy will be mailed to your address above.

RENOVATION OF THE BAILEY ANNEX IS COMPLETED

RIBBON-CUTTING WILL BE JUNE 15 AT 11:00 AM

The Yancey History Association has worked diligently since Jan 1, 2015 to renovate the bottom floor of the Dr. Lloyd Bailey Annex. A local doctor's office, Dr. Carolyn Cort, has had walls removed and many exhibit areas have been prepared to present Yancey County Historical Exhibits.

A new natural gas furnace and air conditioner has been installed.

The exhibits that will currently be displayed are:

- YANCEY COUNTY COUNTRY STORE
- 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNT MITCHELL
- YANCEY COUNTY MINERALS EXHIBIT
- NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIFACTS AND ITEMS FROM THE CANE RIVER DIG
- SHERIFF TERRY HALL MEMORABILIA AND LIQUOR STILL AND HILLBILLY EXHIBIT
- MILITARY EXHIBIT
- HALL OF HONOR EXHIBIT
- NU WRAY INN EXHIBIT
- GENEALOGY LIBRARY

Invitations will be sent to all members, county and town officials, and local non-profit personnel. Everyone is invited.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO:

GOLD SPONSORS -
WARREN AND LARISSA BARE and
DAVID AND ELAINE BOONE
SILVER SPONSOR -
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PICKIN' ON THE PORCH

Mark your Calendars for every Sunday Afternoon in June and August. Spend a pleasant afternoon sitting in the tranquil gardens of the McElroy House listening to music presented by Minnie and Ron Powell and friends. Bring your lawn chairs, your guitars, fiddles and banjo's to join in under the trees with David Wiseman or with the main stage musicians (the Porch of the Proffitt Cousins cabin) from 2pm to 4pm on June 7, 14,21,28 and August 2,9,16,23,30. The events are free but donations to the History Association are welcome.



OLD TIMEY FALL FESTIVAL

On Saturday the 26th of September the YHA is hosting the Old Timey Fall Festival on the square in Burnsville. The national Anthem is followed by the Antique Cars and Tractors parade, Music and dance, children's games, adult competitions, artisans, vendors and of course the Farmers Market. The festivities start at 10am and continue through until 4pm. If you stay around you can enjoy "Music on the Mountains" at the Town Center for a nominal charge. p.s I believe that Elaine and David Boone, and Iva Nell Buckner will be entering their cars in the parade. Stop by our booth for some great food and say hello.



**EVENTS FOR AUGUST TO NOVEMBER FOR THE YANCEY HISTORY ASSOCIATION
KEEP THIS CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS**



JUNE

7,14,21,28 Pickin' on the Porch & Jammin' in the Shade
15 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Lloyd Bailey Annex at 11am.

JULY

11 Veterans BBQ
27-31 Mystery of History - Childrens Camp

AUGUST

2,9,16,23,30 Pickin' on the Porch & Jammin' in the Shade
30 I've been Workin' on the Rail Road

TWO EXHIBITIONS IN PROGRESS FOR 2016

The YANCEY HISTORY ASSOCIATION, in its ongoing endeavors to preserve Yancey's past, has started two collections, hopefully to open in Summer of 2016.

One Collection is "OUR MUSICAL HERITAGE", the other is "THEN I'LL COME BACK TO YOU".

The Silent Movie. "THEN I'LL COME BACK TO YOU", was filmed, April, 1916, in Pensacola, Yancey County. N.C. The movie was taken from the book of the same name, written by Larry Evans, in 1915, and the stars were Alice Brady and Jack Sherrill.

For "OUR MUSICAL HERITAGE" collection, we are looking for items that will represent mountain music in Yancey and surrounding areas.

We are looking for memorabilia relating to each theme. This would include, personal stories, old instruments - handmade or used by local musicians, recordings, sheet music, old photos, newspaper articles and anything of interest. All

paper items can be scanned and some of the items can be donated or loaned to the History Association for the duration of each Exhibit. If you would like to be a financial sponsor of one or both



of these exhibits, or for further information, please contact Linda Elsegood at 828-682-1554, or email, lindavickers@frontier.com

TO ALL OUR YANCEY HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

We are wanting to make the Quarterly Newsletter a lot more enjoyable for all of its readers.

By reporting on what's happening now and the events for the year, we are recording and preserving the HISTORY of the FUTURE.

Creating a "MEMBERS CORNER" in the Newsletter would give each member a chance to become a part of this by contributing a small article of interest. This could include: Past or Present - Stories, old tales, legends, family stories, old & new photos of interest, events of the area. (Lengthy articles will be continued in future newsletters). We would like to hear your comments on this idea.

Thanks
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WANTED

Information about the Old Silent Movie "THEN I'LL COME BACK TO YOU"
The film was made here in Pensacola back in April of 1916.

The Yancey History Association, in its ongoing endeavors to preserve Yancey's past is beginning a COLLECTION of MEMORABELLA relating to this film.

We are looking for personal STORIES/memorabilia that has been passed down to family members, any old PHOTOS we can copy, any newspaper articles to copy, and anything, however small, that would be of interest in this COLLECTION.

The Laurel Baptist Church was used to treat the locals to a viewing of the movie.

We have found a copy of the piano sheet music with the lyrics, an article in the 1973 Our State Magazine and a few more pictures and stories of the making of the film.

Would love to add - stories/memorabilia from the descendants of those that lived here and took part -- at that time.

Thanks,
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