

Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society Newsletter

Waterford, Pennsylvania July, August, September 2007

Heritage Days

Waterford's Annual Tribute to its Past Will Be Celebrated on July 20, 21 and 22.

Heritage Days Events

Antique Sale

The Ft. LeBoeuf Historic Society will sponsor an antique show and sale in the back yard of the Judson House on Sat. and Sun.

Scholarship Raffle

A print of Jan McLaughlin's "Rally Round the Flag Boys" and one of William Czarnicki's "Return to French Creek II" will be raffled off for the benefit of the historical society scholarship fund. Tickets will be available at our booth in the park, or at the Judson House. If any members would be able to sell tickets at any time on Saturday or Sunday, please contact Zona Miller (796-4361).

Judson House Tours

The Judson House will be open for tours on Saturday and Sunday. Catch a glimpse of the past as our costumed guides show you through this early 19th century landmark.

Veterans in Parade

This year our World War II veterans will ride in Saturday's parade in antique cars provided by the Presque Isle Region Chapter of the Antique Auto Club of America. Thanks to member Wilbur Osborn for arranging this for us.



Upcoming Meetings

- ◆ July – because of Heritage Days, there will be no regularly scheduled meeting in July
- ◆ August 23-6:00p.m. – The annual picnic will be held at the Judson House. Everyone is asked to bring their own table service and a dish to share.
- ◆ September 27-7:00p.m. – Judson House – Local resident Mike Molnar will speak of his European upbringing, and how he came to live in Waterford

Eagle Hotel

Progress is being made on the renovations at the Eagle Hotel. The Russell and McKay Richardson rooms on the second floor have been plastered, painted, papered, and cleaned thanks to the efforts of Zona Miller.

The third floor stairway has also been plastered and is soon to be painted.

Work continues on the third floor rooms. Benny Hunt, Ken Lewis, Sam Bayle, Bill Hilliker, and especially Ed Orris have spent countless hours on this project. It isn't open for viewing yet, but should be soon. We've been promising this for some time, but we *are* progressing, and we promise it will be worth the wait.

Update On Gaming Revenue Funds

On May 17th, Erie County Council held the last of a series of meetings in which local organizations could voice their ideas about possible uses of funds that will be paid to the county from the Presque Isle Casino. Historical Society president, Rosalee Holzer spoke on behalf of the society. She explained that this was an all volunteer organization, and that the Eagle Hotel, the Judson House, the George Washington Statue, and indeed, the entire area was a regional asset, and with some county funding, we could ultimately help attract tourism (and revenue) to this part of the state. No decisions have yet been made by County Council on how these funds would be used.

Patriotic Tree Dedicated

On May 24th, a dedication ceremony was held for a tree that was recently planted in the back yard of the Judson House. The tree, a Sunset Maple, was purchased by the Waterford Garden Club as part of a National Garden Club project to plant trees in honor of all soldiers, of all conflicts.