



DeSoto County Historical Society News

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Fourth Annual Pioneer Day Saturday, March 15, 2008

Mark your calendars to attend the DeSoto County Historical Society's fourth annual Pioneer Day at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in McSwain Park, downtown Arcadia. This celebration of DeSoto County's history and culture will include fun for the whole family, with music, food, storytelling, authors, demonstrations, and more.

Pioneer Day Planning Meeting

Leonard Higley, Chairperson for the Fourth Annual Pioneer Day, invites anyone interested to a planning meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at the Historic Parker House Bed and Breakfast.

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS!

"Many hands make light work."

Volunteers are needed for our Fourth Annual Pioneer Day. If you can sit, stand, walk, or talk, we have a job that you can do. Please sign up to volunteer by calling Leonard Higley at 494-1060.

DeSoto County Historical Society 2008 Officers

Congratulations to Mitzie McGavic, DeSoto County's Clerk of Court, on her election as president! Many thanks to Art Anauo for his work as president in 2007.

President: Mitzie McGavic

Past President: Art Anauo

Vice President: Kay Higley

Secretary: Clel Shore

Treasurer: Arlene Conley

Directors: David Bedell, Colman Brewer, Leonard Higley, Carol Mahler, Harold McLeod, Luke Wilson, and James Westberry

WANTED: Committee Chairpersons!

Leaders for the Membership and Program Committees are needed as well as a "web master" for our web site. Thank you to Clel Shore for serving as chairperson of the Membership Committee in 2007.

Membership Dues

Your annual membership dues are due on January 1, 2008!

March Rodeo Fundraiser

At the Arcadia All-Florida Championship Rodeo, March 7-9, we will sell "whip cracker" sandwiches and baked goods. Please bake a sweet treat for this event. For information, call Events Chairperson, Marlie Anauo, at 993-3277.

J. Morgan Ingraham House

Five contractors met with President Mitzie McGavic and Project Construction Manager Harold McLeod at the site on Thursday, January 3. The contractor bid opening will take place on January 15, at the Historic Park House Bed and Breakfast, and work may begin as early as February 1.

Phase Two Restoration includes dismantling the kitchen wing and storing the reusable materials, stabilizing the chimney, sealing the open walls where the kitchen wing was removed, and providing a new wood shingle roof for the house.

The restoration project has been financed in part with a historical preservation grant from the Bureau of Historic Preservation, Division of Historical Resources, Florida Department of State. The Florida Historical Commission has also assisted the project.

Thanks to Museum Chairperson Kathleen Ingraham Kuhns and everyone who worked or wrote letters in support of the grant application to fund Phase Three Restoration--it was submitted on time!

Brownville School

Brownville School is closed until it passes final exams--I mean, inspections.

Please send all news, corrections, and suggestions to Carol Mahler online at carolm@strato.net or call 491-0286.