

Boone County Historical Society Newsletter



Boone County Historical Society meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month (7 pm) at the Cragun House, located at 404 W. Main St. in Lebanon. Meetings are open to the general membership or prospective members.

Lincoln's Lebanon and Civil War Re-enactment is sponsored in part by:

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Historical Society to Host 4th Annual "Lincoln's Lebanon and Civil War Re-enactment"

Don't miss the 2012 Lincoln's Lebanon and Civil War Re-enactment weekend beginning Saturday, September 29th through Sunday, Sept. 30th!

Event Location: Lebanon Memorial Park
Schedule of Events

Meet President Abraham Lincoln at 11:30 pm on Saturday at the Lincoln Historical Marker in downtown Lebanon, IN
(Located on S.R. 39 in Lebanon, just south of the S.R. 39-S.R. 32)

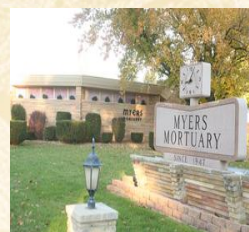
Visit with Mr. Lincoln from 12:00 to 5:00 pm at Lebanon's Memorial Park Civil War Battles – Saturday, 2:00 pm and Sunday, 2:00 pm

Music and Orations by: - Fiddlesticks - Sly Run Band -
- Dave Avanatti - Tom Garoffolo - Alan Andrews -
Pioneer Demonstrations: Blacksmith, Quilting, Spinning, & Weaving
Potter, Medical Tent, Leather Crafting, & Mortician Demonstrations

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Mr. Lincoln, A Continued Friend of Lebanon

The railroad journey of the President-elect on New York Central trains from Springfield, Illinois to Washington D.C. in the winter of 1861 was considered a trip full of potential dangers.

Several Southern States had already withdrawn from the Union, and assassination attempts were a possibility. For these reasons, the train schedule was tightly controlled and the stops made for as short time as possible.

Abraham Lincoln stopped and made a brief statement at the Peekskill train depot at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 1861. This dramatic event is fairly well documented. Towards noon, quite a number came to the village from the country surrounding, and wended their way to the Depot." Highland Democrat, Peekskill, Feb. 23rd, 1861. Section: Domestic Record, Headline: "Mr. Lincoln at Peekskill."

Abraham Lincoln was elected President of the United States in November of 1860. He made a grand one week railway tour from his hometown in Springfield, Illinois to his inauguration in Washington D.C., which then took place in March. The trip was scheduled according to a precise timetable agreed upon along the route. The stops would be brief, and these stops would coincide with service requirements of fuel and water for the steam locomotive.



En route to Washington, D.C., to become 16th President of the U.S., Lincoln addressed citizens of Lebanon and Boone County from rear of railroad passenger car at this place on the evening of February 11, 1861.

Do you have an interesting fact or story that you'd like to share from the past?
Send it to the BCHS:

Email: cragunhouse@sbcglobal.net
or

Mail to: PO Box 141
Lebanon, IN 46052



Lincoln Presenter Mr. Randy Duncan

Since 2009, Lincoln presenter Randy Duncan has brought joy, insight, and education to the city of Lebanon through his Lincoln-inspired speeches and appearance.

Randy Duncan, 42, of Carlinville, IL was often told growing up that he resembled Lincoln, but he never thought about being a Lincoln himself.

"Some friends were part of a festival and asked me if I would dress up as a clown and pass out balloons. I thought a 6-foot, 4-inch clown didn't make sense."

But soon after that event, Duncan saw a picture of a group of Lincoln presenters from one of their annual meetings in Springfield.

"I looked at myself in the mirror and covered up my mustache with my finger, and thought, 'Hey, I look just as good as they do.' And now I've been doing this for seven years."

Duncan has tried to learn as much about Lincoln as he can. When you dress up like Abe, he says, you take on an obligation.

"Everyone knows Lincoln. Or at least there are some preconceived notions about him. It's different from dressing up as any other character."

Cited article: SR-J.com Correspondent: Brenda Protz

And so it was in Lebanon In 1932...

We were before the pill and the population explosion implacably went hand in hand. When our girls in Lebanon talked about the pill they were talking about the teacher.

We were before television – before penicillin, polio shots, antibiotics and Frisbees – before frozen food, nylon and Dacron, Xerox and Kinsey. We were before radar, fluorescent lights, credit cards and ballpoint pens. For us sharing meant togetherness – not computers or vacation homes. A chip meant a piece of wood,

In our time closets were for clothes, not for coming out of. In those days bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens. We were before Grandma Moses and Frank Sinatra.

We were before Batman, Grapes of Wrath, Rudolph the red nosed reindeer and Snoopy – before DDT and vitamin pills, disposable diapers, Jeeps and the Jefferson nickel – before scotch tape, Grand Coulee Dam, M & M's – automatic transmissions and Lincoln Continentals.

When were in college, pizza, Cheerios, frozen orange juice, instant coffee and McDonald's were unheard of. We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent.

We were before F-M radios, tape recorders, electric typewriters, word processors, Muzak, electronic music and disco dancing.

Almost no one flew across the country and Trans-Atlantic flights belonged to Lindberg and Amelia Earhart. We were before Israel and the United Nation – before India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Iceland and the Philippines were independent countries. Since our graduation 92 countries – 48 of them African – have independent nations.

We were before panty hose and drip-dry clothes. Before ice-makers and dishwashers, clothes dryers, freezers and electric blankets – before Hawaii and Alaska became states – before men wore long hair and ear rings and women wore tuxedos.

We were before Leonard Bernstein, Yogi, Ann Landers, plastics, hair dryers and the forty hour week and minimum wage. We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can that be?

In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, coke was something you drank and pot was something you cooked in. About this time F.D.R. promised us two chickens in every pot –

A lot of us had two pots but only one chicken – one we cooked chicken in and one to put under the bed.

We were before vending machines and interstate highways. In 1932 our schools were not segregated and blacks were not allowed to play in the major leagues. "Made in Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you made out on an exam.

In our time there were five and ten cents stores where you could buy things for a nickel and dime. For just a nickel you could ride a street car or Jitney Bus or make a phone call, buy a coke or buy enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$659 but who could afford that in 1932, a pity too because gas was only 11¢ a gallon.

This article was found in a 1932 yearbook while doing inventory. Author unknown.

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www.boonecountyhistorical.org

Or call: (765)483-9414

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Lebanon Memorial Park
September 29-30, 2012



"Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe." ~Abraham Lincoln

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