

Coassement de la Grenouille

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WOW!!!!!!What a summer. The event at Fort Necessity was great. Well, except for a few park rangers who were a little full of themselves. But you give someone a Smokey Bear hat and....

Saw Bob Bearor at Necessity. Had a nice visit with him and Holly. Sometime we will get him back as a speaker at Frog Talk.

Our camp site was wonderful. It was more than a mile from the battle site, but was off limits to the public. We were in a grove of trees so tall and thick, it rained and we barely got wet.

Grand Encampment was another fine experience. The park people in Detroit were great. We have already been invited back. The fights in the woods were something to experience. The whole thing was well directed and coordinated.

Things are starting to happen fast. We are coming up on the September meeting. It will be on Sept 18 at 10 a.m. at the Old Courthouse in Cahokia. Several people have asked for a demo on woodswalk packs. So bring you pack and we will have a show and tell after the meeting. Also, bring anything you want to sell, swap or trade.

On a sad note, Lynn Cornelius has been the editor for the newsletter for some time now. She is going to step down. Any one interested in taking over, please let me know. Her shoes will be hard to fill. Lynn has done a wonderful job, taking us from typewritten copies to electronic mail.

Lots of fall events. Check the calendar in the newsletter. Don't forget our turkey shoot Nov. 20 at the Fort.

Earl Biffle is chairman of School of the Soldier 17. I know he will need help on several points. Let him know what you can do.

Well, I think I have run out of things to say. I will see you in September (could be a song title there)

Je reste votre serviteur
Jean Baptiste Tavernier, Capitaine

BOONE HOME - PIONEER DAYS

September 25 & 26, 2004

Daniel Boone reached the end of his trail in Missouri. The Boone Home still stands with the grandeur that must have amazed the Osage and the French back in the early 1800s. Daniel's youngest son, Nathan Boone owned the land and home that is the heart of Lindenwood University Boone Campus. The Boone Home is familiar to many people who have visited over the years. Today the Boone Home and Boonesfield Village continues as an historic site offering guided tours while expanding the site with student housing and classrooms for those students attending the Boone Challenge Semester.

Pioneer Days is a folk life festival held every year on the last weekend in September and this year is the 25th and 26th. Activities include a pre 1840 encampment in the heart of Boonesfield Village, a collection of nineteenth century buildings from around Missouri and Illinois that offer a glimpse into life on the Missouri frontier. Buildings include a schoolhouse, chair shop, chapel, general store and others while each building offers demonstrations or some other related activity. Music and games will keep everyone busy while the dye gardeners brew up a steamy indigo pot that you can dip your linen into. A visit to the detached kitchen is sure to soothe the most ravenous appetite. Everyone at Pioneer Days is eager to share bits of history and lore or share a hands-on experience with anyone who has an interest. In our fast paced world you owe it to yourself to step back in time and enjoy a little heritage at the Boone Home Pioneer Days.

Storytelling has become a favorite at the Boone Home with Daniel and other Boone family sharing memories or exciting stories from the wilderness adventures of the past. This year students who are involved in our interpretation class will be trying their persona out on our guests. Most folks are amazed when they hear first hand some of the challenges our Frontier Families faced.

Boone Family Theater has become a tradition for Pioneer Days. We pick famous events and portray them outdoors with the knowledge and skills of reenactors, students and staff aided by the talents of Mary Barile, a playwright from Columbia Missouri. We are always looking for eager theater players and volunteer actors from the campers. By the end of the weekend, everyone is in the play!

Pioneer Days has been growing slowly and carefully to keep everything fun and educational. This year we will bring back the competition black powder shoot. For years the Boone Home had very large encampments and we are glad to bring shooting back into the event. We hope that every camper will bring something to share with the guests and we anticipate the shoot to be as rewarding to the participants as it was when Daniel honed his skills. The shoot will be along the Femme Osage Creek just below the Village. The path that followed the creek was the first trail into the interior west of the Mississippi. With Lewis and Clark fresh in everyone's mind, we must remember that the Boones were already living in Upper Louisiana Territory before the Purchase took place. After Lewis and Clark passed through with the Corp of Discovery, the Boone Settlement remained the most westward American settlement until thirteen years later.

For information on Pioneer Days and how to register as a camper or trader, call Pam at 636-798-2005 or email <mailto:Pjensen@lindnewood.edu>.

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Hello Everyone:

I've already heard from several of you who have expressed an interest in participating in "Christmas in Carondelet," and I want to thank you in advance for your participation.

Now, let's get into some specifics.

Date of Event: December 11-12, 2004

Place: South St. Louis Square Park (S. Broadway and Courtois)

Registration Deadline: November 15, 2004

Here's what I'll need to know from you, no later than November 15:

Number of participants

Number of tents (whether you're camping out or not)

Number of horses

Number of military vehicles (wagons, tanks, jeeps, etc.)

Our daily hours of operation will be 9am - 5pm on the 11th and 12th. I will be onsite no later than 8am on Friday, December 10. We are planning a potluck dinner on Saturday evening, and we hope everyone will bring a dish and sit down to the table with all of us. Rendezvous Carondelet, Inc. will provide wood, water, hay and straw. There is a small grocery store adjacent to the park where you can forage for additional food and certain other necessities of life.

This is the first year we've done this event, and we're hoping to turn it into an annual affair. Pass this email along to anyone you think may be interested in participating.

Questions? Email me at stlreb@msn.com <<mailto:stlreb@msn.com>>

Regards,

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Living History Reenactors, Inc. is accepting camp registration for the September 18-19th Historical Encampment and shoot at Fort Belle Fontaine. We are asking everyone to work towards historical regalia appropriate to 1804-06. We want all of us to be proud of our camp in '06 when Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery returns. Fort Belle Fontaine was the last encampment of Lewis and Clark before they disbanded in St. Louis the next day.

This years emphasis will be on Plants, Animals and Native Americans and the local concerns as people deal with becoming United States of America. Is their land grants from the Spanish and French still going to be recognized?

Come join us for a fun, and historical education weekend. We will have flax processing, fabric dying, hand sewing, quilting, basket making, blacksmithing, food preparation, lead ball casting, knife and hawk throwing, shooting match, beading, leather crafting, and much more!

See upcoming events list for contact information.



WANTED - NEW EDITOR FOR THE MILICE NEWSLETTER

Position comes with address label software, archives, and care of the roster and mailing list. Position will open January 1, 2005. Please contact Lynn Cornelius for more information.



For Sale – Wall tent by Panther Primitives. 10' X 12' with 4' walls. 10" sod cloth, double doors., 10 oz, water-resistant, mildew-proofed, sunforger canvas. 10'X12" ground cloth. Poles and ropes, NO PEGS !! Instructions for Set-up. \$400.00 Contact Bill Sorgman, 618-233-3041



French Dancing – A project of the Milice de Ste. Famille – Learn French Cotillions from the 1700's. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, at First United Methodist Church, 504 East Highway 50, O'Fallon IL Contact Carol Luer – annabella3@earthlink.net, 314-298-2544



Upcoming Events **PLEASE NOTE CHANGES MARKED BY ***

Sept 4-5 – Fair at New Boston

Sept 11-12 – Hodge Park Fete – Mkeeney@msn.com

*Sept 11-12 – St. Clair Flats Historical Encampment, Algonac, MI, contact Ron Pinson – redshirt@l-is.net, or 810-794-9717, <http://www.st.clairflats.com/>

Sept 17-19 – Koh-Koh-Mah – Russiaville, IN, Kohkohmahfoster@aol.com, kohkohmah.com

Sept 18 – Milice meeting – 10 am – Cahokia Courthouse – drill practice

Sept 19 – French Colonial Crafts and Trades – Ft de Chartres

Sept 18-19 – Belle Fontaine Historic Encampment

Sept 25-26 – Heritage Days – Godfrey IL

*Sept 25-26 – Ft. Frederick's MD American Indian Diplomacy: The Fort Frederick Treaty of 1757.
Contact: Steve Robertson – srobertson@dnr.state.md.us or 301-842-2155
*Sept 25-26 – Rogers Island Visitor Center, Fort Edward NY, contact: James Parillo –
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Oct 2 – Milice meeting – 4pm Capts tent

Oct 2-3 – Feast of the Hunter's Moon – Lafayette IN

Oct 2-3 – F&I – Fort de Chartres

*Oct 2-3 – Fort Bagley Tactical Weekend, Houghton Lake MI contact: Brent Kemmer –
kemmerc@hotmail.com

Oct 9-10 – Kampsville

*Oct 9-10 – Ft. Ligonier, Ligonier PA ftlig@westol.com

*Oct 9-10 – St. Clair, MI Fort Sinclair Days, No tactical, but lots of public interaction. Contact:
Harry Burgess – harryburgess@hotmail.com

Oct 16-17 – Grand Encampment – Fort Massac bobgill938@wmconnect.com

Oct 16-17 – Gathering of the Eagles – Grafton IL

Oct 29-31 - Fort de la Buse – Belleville OH – Belleville@worldnet.att.net, 419-886-2097

Nov 6 – Milice meeting – 4pm – Capts tent

Nov 6-7 – Fall Rendezvous – Fort de Chartres

Dec 5 – Milice meeting – 1pm - TBA

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June – The Bougainville Voyage, Contact: Victor Suthren, 2581 Flannery Dr., Ottawa, ON, Canada
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If you know of any other events for 2004- 2005, please send them to me, and I will add them to the
calendar – Lynn



Djuana's Mom, Brenda's salad made for the Frog Talk Potluck

Layered Salad

Salad ingredients:

1 bag spinach
1 head of lettuce
1 bag frozen peas
6 hard-boiled eggs
1 pound of bacon, crumbled

Dressing Ingredients:

1 pkg ranch dressing mix
2 cups mayonnaise
1 cup sour cream

Mix dressing ingredients in a separate bowl and set aside.

Layer the salad ingredients in a large punch bowl. Spread dressing on top.
Just before serving mix it all together. This will be a LOT of salad, but you
can make half if you need less.

Please note – there have been a LOT of changes in the mailing list – please keep.

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- It is not often that I get excited or endorse a product. But I had the pleasure of purchasing a finished type "C" French 20ga. smooth bore from Caywood Gun makers at Berryville, Arkansas.

They sell kits, assembled in the white and fully finished with a warranty.

When my fully finished type "C" arrived, I was more than pleased with the figured maple stock, flint lock (very best), inlays and overall workmanship.

But, the best was yet to happen, when I went to the range to shoot it. With a .600 ball - .008 ox-yoke patch and 63 grains of 2FF powder, I got (from a sand bag rest) at point of aim, a 1 ½" hole group at 25 yards with 10 shots. (Note if you get a smooth bore you can also purchase a rifle barrel that will fit the same stock and lock).

They also make a Wilson trade gun, French type "D", English sporting fowler and type "C" or "D" French pistols. For more information, call Danny Caywood, 870-423-4741 or www.Caywoodguns.com. Check out Colonial Frontier Guns, by T. M. Hamilton.

Rod Mikel



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INVITATION



to join your friends at Fort de Chartres for the annual

FRENCH & INDIAN WAR ASSEMBLAGE

October 2nd & 3rd



Saturday October 2nd

The main event of the day will be the

UNIT COMPETITION

which will include an aggregation of

*Bayonet * Drill * Live Fire*

Note: The winner of this years event will have command of the Fort at next years event. This means that if a British Unit wins the unit competition, that group will enjoy the comforts and amenities of the Guard's &

Officer's Room and for the first time in almost 250 years the fort will once again become **Fort Cavendish**



Saturday Evening everyone will enjoy a communal gathering outside the main gate. Live music will be provided by the Duffy's. Drink and snacks will also be provided. If possible, please bring something for the table.

Sunday October 3rd

will be a morning of

☠ Open Ended Tactical ☠

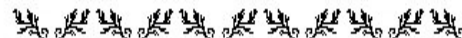
in the woods behind the levee. After limited skirmishes Saturday evening, followed by an

Indian Parlay

to determine which side (if any) the savages support. The main **Skirmish** will begin

under the unit commanders orders. An **Afternoon Tactical** will be held in

front of the fort.



**Both UNITS & INDIVIDUALS,
All F & I Reenactors are invited to attend.**

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