

# 2011

## Beersheba Springs Historical Society

### A Review and Preview

Last summer ended with the Crafts Fair and a wonderful Annual Meeting on the Papel's porch. Immediately following the meeting the board of the Historical Society met. We had an opening for a new member as John McClellan's term had come to an end. We thank him very much for his service. We invited Sharon Whitman to join the board and are happy to announce that she has accepted.

We also divided tasks for this year. Larry Papel will continue as treasurer; Susan Snow continues as secretary and chairs the committee for designing the Beersheba wall at the Grundy County Heritage Center (more on that below); Theresa Carl is organizing our meetings this summer; Charlotte Boyd will coordinate our booth for the Crafts Fair; and Clopper Almon continues as publications chair (and editor of many of our books). I will continue as president for this year, after which we will select a new president. Other board members are Harrison Taylor and Dillard Adams, Jr.

News since the summer includes a very successful barn dance in the fall. Also a great deal of work has been done on planning the Beersheba wall at the Grundy County Heritage Center. This 40 foot wall is at one end of the main room of the lovely new center in Tracy City. It will tell the story of Beersheba in a large mural as well as six panels with photos and texts. The mural will feature the hotel and nearby houses, as well as Stone Door and other natural attractions. By the end of the summer we hope it will be complete. The group working on the wall is Susan Snow, Peg Williams, Charlotte Boyd, and Ralph Thompson. They interface with Oliver Jervis who is doing a wonderful job spearheading the development of the Heritage Center, and with artist Candace Franklin. Our warmest thanks go to each of them for the magnificent work they are doing.

Of great excitement is the opening of the Beersheba Clinic. They said they'd open before New Year's and they did! Congratulations to Dr. Garrett Adams and his team. Details on the clinic, the wall, and upcoming events will be given at the opening meeting of GCHS on **Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**. Come and hear it all first hand.

Upcoming events for Summer 2011:

1. Memorial Day weekend meeting of BSBS: **Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>** at 4 p.m. at Grace Chapel. This is always a meet and greet occasion with an opportunity to see old friends, meet new ones, and hear the latest of what's happened during the past year and what is being planned.
2. BSBS Meeting, **Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** at 4 p.m. at Grace Chapel. A large part of Beersheba's heritage is linked with the beautiful land that surrounds us. We will hear about successful efforts this year to preserve the land by the **Tennessee Land Trust**. Chris Roberts of the Trust will be our speaker. Bring your concerns and questions.

3. **The 4th of July weekend barn dance.** On **Saturday evening, July 2**, Howell and Madeline Adams will again open their wonderful Green Pastures barn for a community dance. Put on your dancing shoes, bring a dessert, a casserole, or a salad to accompany the delicious barbecue they provide, and come out for a rip-roaring good time. This is an event that pulls the whole community together and one frequently sees four generations together out on the dance floor. Starting time is probably 6 p.m.

4. **Arts Camp is scheduled for July 18-21**, Monday through Thursday, this year at the Beersheba Community Center. Two sessions will be held, for younger children in the mornings and older children and adults in the afternoons, each day. Lolly Durant from Signal Mountain will return as instructor. Sign-up and get specific information from Melissa at the Beersheba Library.

5. BSHS meeting, **Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>\*** at 4 p.m. at Grace Chapel. This year our publications chair, Clopper Almon has been busy working on several new publications. He's updated the Armfield book, and will publish a memoir of Morton B. Howell, common ancestor to those connected to the Howell Cottage, the White House, and Nanhaven. MBH, as he's commonly referred to, speaks of his own ancestors, and Clopper has researched many of them. The book contains fascinating stories about life in the 1700's and 1800's when our country was still so new. Other books are in the works, so come and hear all about them—and buy those that are available.

\* Note this event is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday not the final one. This is in part to avoid a conflict with the Swiss Colony gathering held on the last Saturday of July. It is a great event that is fun for all ages.

6. **The Crafts Fair is August 27-28.** Help is needed for the BSHS booth, so do let Charlotte Boyd know if she can count on you for an hour or two.

7. **The Annual Meeting of BSHS will be held on Saturday, August 27 at 5 p.m.** on the porch of the Papel home. Do join us for delicious refreshments (warm thanks to Elizabeth Papel) and a chance to discuss the Historical Society's activities and future directions.

We want to keep you informed about new events or any changes in the schedule. Our best way to do that is via email. Please make sure we have yours. You can send it via the enclosed membership form or directly to Susan Snow at [susansnow@laurel-point.net](mailto:susansnow@laurel-point.net)

Don't forget to join BSHS. Your dues and donations keep us going and growing.

With warm regards,  
Joan Almon