



Celebrating the Firelands Bicentennial

A new historic marker at the Hayes Avenue main entrance to Firelands Regional Medical Center will be dedicated Tuesday May 26, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. Chuck Stark, President and C.E.O. of the medical center and Janet Senne, President of the historical society will preside. Please join in the celebration.

An identical marker will be dedicated at the Firelands University campus in Huron at a later date.



An 1826 map of the Fire Lands by William Summer.

The east boundary is the Ohio-Pennsylvania border.

Erie County was created by legislation taking land from Huron County in 1838.

MUSEUM DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009

9:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Look for Erie County Historical Society at the Maritime Museum.

We will have a table outside.

YOHOHO and a BOTTLE OF RUM!

**Erie County Historical Society
Meeting at Grace Episcopal Church
315 Wayne Street, Sandusky
2:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 17, 2009**

Bette Lou Higgins, of Eden Valley Enterprises, will narrate the story of what really happened on the inland seas during prohibition. Come and enjoy her tales of boats, pirates and characters involved in helping to quench the thirst of Americans during those dry days.

Refreshments will be served.

Thank you!

The Erie County Historical Society recently nominated me for the "Woman of Excellence Award - 2009". The award is sponsored by the Erie County Volunteer Center, Northern Ohio Medical Service, and Zonta Club. I feel very honored to receive this award.

Sincere thanks,
IdaBelle Teasel

ERIE COUNTY FAIR

August 11 – 16, 2009

The Heritage Society will feature a display focused on settling of the Firelands.

ERIE COUNTY HISTORIC MARKERS

Our brochures have been reprinted to make them available for distribution on Museum Day. They will be in museums, libraries, and visitor centers.

INTERNET CONNECTIONS

There is a great collection of information on the Firelands available in cyberspace. Many of the sites include bibliographies, maps, and museum information. A few sites visited to check or find new facts for this newsletter include:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Connecticut_Western_Reserve

This is a comprehensive site covering history, architecture and culture and offering references, a bibliography, and external links.

The 1826 map of the Western Reserve on page 1 is from this site, and is found on several others, and the source is the Cleveland Library. From this map to today's map with modern equipment, there is only a 27 square mile difference.

http://www.erie-county-ohio.net/KidsCorner/kids_firelands.htm

This is an excellent easy to read narrative with many basic historical facts.

A GOOD PLACE TO VISIT

The Firelands Historical Society maintains a museum at 4 Case Ave., Norwalk, Ohio.

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