

Kentucky Heritage

Kentucky, world renowned as “The Bluegrass State” has a rich heritage in the equestrian industry. This year, all has been abuzz about the “World Equestrian Games” (WEG) being held in Lexington – “Horse Capital of the World”. The folks at the **Monroe County Tourism Commission** decided to pay tribute to the WEG and also put their own spin on things with their own “WEG” – **Welded Equestrian Gallery** in their case. The challenge was presented and the entries were delivered with three of the near life size entries being crowned the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners during the 2010 Monroe County Watermelon Festival. The entrants were quite creative. These welded works of art stood proudly in Monroe County parks until early November 2010.



3rd Place “Rusted Beauty” by Bronson Butler, 2nd Place “Smith Boys Stallion” by Monroe County Area Technology Center Shannon Smith, Instructor, 1st Place Winner “Summer Stallion” by S.O.A.R. Summer Camp Shannon Smith, Instructor

The **Monroe County Watermelon Festival** is always a crowd pleaser. It began back in 1980 and has since grown to one of the largest festivals in the area with more than 10,000 in attendance the Saturday before Labor Day each year. The festival offers a wide array of activities (most in downtown Tompkinsville near the courthouse square) including 5K and Fun Runs, Parade, Arts & Crafts Fair, Food Court, Cruise-In and Antique Tractor/Engine Show, Rolley-Hole Marble Tournament, Art Show, Quilt Show, Watermelon related events, plus all day live entertainment. Throughout the year, Monroe County offers various other events and activities. Be sure to check out their latest events and activities at www.monroeky.com. **Old Mulkey Meeting House State Historic Site** in Monroe County also offers an array of special activities as well as being one of Kentucky’s most unique state parks. The site is the home of the oldest log meeting house in the Commonwealth and serves as a monument to the history of the settlers of the area and much more. Special events range from Ham Radio gatherings to a “Dog-Gone” Easter Egg Hunt, Pickin’ in the Park series, Trail of Caches, Cemetery Scavenger Hunt, and others. They have also joined in with the *Kentucky Questing Initiative* to develop “The View from the Pulpit” quest at Old Mulkey. The quest is simply a self-guided exercise in critical thinking that takes the participants to areas in the park they might not normally go to - enriching their experience while there. No special equipment required! You just need a pencil. In 2011, the 9th Kentucky Infantry Unit will be doing a “Mustering Re-Enactment” that date will be released soon. They are also becoming birder friendly with the unveiling of Phase I of their birding project. You can learn more about the park at www.parks.ky.gov and search for Old Mulkey Meeting House or call Park Manager, Sheila Rush at 270.487.8481.

Burkesville/Cumberland County (www.cumberlandcounty.com) also celebrated a milestone in 2010. They celebrated their Bicentennial in October with a Riverboat Review and other festivities. They have compiled and published loads of history and recipes for the event. It was a community wide labor of love sharing the story of Burkesville’s heyday



as a riverboat town when the majority of commerce was dependent upon the waterways. Cumberland County was also the site of the earliest gusher discovered in America – back in 1829. President Abraham Lincoln’s father was once a constable in Cumberland County. During the Civil War, John Hunt Morgan led several raids into Cumberland County. Union and Confederate Forces along with guerilla leader, Champ Ferguson, and his followers were quite active in the area during that time frame as well. Even famed naturalist, John Muir (“Father of Our National Parks”) traveled through the area during his journey to the Gulf Coast and was quite taken with the beauty of the area. It is also home to the **Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park** (www.parks.ky.gov) with all the wonderful amenities it has to offer – trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding, golf, restaurant, lodge, and more. **Dale Hollow State Park Marina** (www.DHStateParkMarina.com) is located adjacent to the resort to provide marina amenities. **Hendricks Creek Resort** (www.hendricksresort.com/dhm11) & **Sulphur Creek Resort** (www.sulphurcreek.com/dhg) also call Cumberland County “home” and provide a full line of marina services and welcome you to the area. The marinas and fishing are great at Dale Hollow Lake and the northern section of the lake is no exception – including from **Wisdom Dock** (www.WisdomDock.com) in neighboring Clinton County, KY. Be sure to plan to visit the area soon and explore all it has to offer.



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