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Press Release from the Union County Historical Society



### **Celebrating County History and Rueben Partridge's Covered Bridges**



The Union County Historical Society is partnering with the Union County Convention and Visitor's Bureau to celebrate 144 years of Union County Covered Bridges. On September 21 and 22, the County Museum and Weller Log Home located at 246 West Sixth Street, Marysville will be open as part of the countywide Union County Covered Bridge Bluegrass Festival. Activities will include ice cream, old-fashioned pioneer demonstrations, including making apple butter in a copper kettle over a fire, museum tours, and food provided by the Marysville Evening Lions Club.

**Check out the exciting schedule of events listed below.**

#### **Friday, September 21 5:30-8:00 p.m.**

Come and see the "Apple-peeling Bee" as costumed docents prepare the apples for the apple butter-making on Saturday. Step back in time as you explore the 1830s original log style home of the Edward Weller family. Browse the interesting collections and curiosities at the museum that tell the story of Union County's unique heritage and community pride.



#### **Saturday, September 22 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**

At the "Apple Butter Stir" costumed docents and friends of the County Museum will be enjoying the a relaxing day by the Log Home as they sit around the fire completing the more than 6 hour process of making and canning apple butter the old-fashioned way. At approximately 11:30 a.m. the first batch of apples will be added to the kettle of boiling apple cider. The apple butter must be stirred constantly as it cooks. Community volunteers can help stir with a 5 foot long wooden paddle. Shortly after 2:00 p.m., the cinnamon and sugar will be added to taste and preparations for canning will begin.

While supplies last late Saturday afternoon, Historical Society members will have an opportunity to take a sample home. As the spicy apple butter is cooked, fresh biscuits will be baked on the log home's hearth and homemade butter will be churned under the Buckeye Tree.

Ice cream will be served to our guests beginning at 11:00 a.m.



Interested in more pioneer demonstrations? Enjoy a visit with the story teller while she works on hand-sewing a new apron. Her stories recall family memories and children's stories. Learn about making a coiled pine needle baskets from the Civil War era. Samples of old and new baskets designed to carry a variety of items will be on display. Artistically decorated gourds will be featured nearby.

Visitors are welcome to come and spend the day at the County Museum. Marysville Evening Lions Club will be serving breakfast and lunch from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please bring lawn chairs for your comfort. Old fashioned costumes are encouraged for anyone with an adventurous spirit.

The County Museum and Weller Log Home will be open for Special Event hours on September 8 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The County Museum's regular hours are every Wednesday 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. mid-May through mid-November and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Special tours are available by request. Call Bo Johnstone at (937)644-0568. For more information about the Union County Museum and Weller Log Home, visit the Union County Historical Society website at [www.historyohio.com](http://www.historyohio.com).