

# THE TOWNER TATTLER

The Official Newsletter of the Boone County Museum of History

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## Artifact Spotlight



This issue's spotlight shines on the clothing collection of Sally Funderburg! Thanks to Rock Valley College Costume Department, we were donated a large collection of clothing that belonged to Sally Funderburg including the dress she wore to Ronald Reagan's inauguration!

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! Save the Date !  
For the museum pig roast!

September 23, 2023



### Museum Updates

The new sports exhibit is up and running! The room features a history of sports in Boone County. All three Boone County high schools are represented as well as athletes who have gone on to collegiate and professional careers. Troy Yunk and Gary Thacker have worked tirelessly to make this exhibit exquisite!

The current exhibit in the art gallery is El Arte Está En Todas Partes: Art is Everywhere featuring Mexican artwork on loan from Lori Pepper.

### Funderburg House Updates

The Funderburg House has been busy with events and rentals! The Christmas Gala went off without a hitch and the Clue and Fondue party was a huge success! We have many fun events coming up for the summer so keep an eye out for announcements!

Thank you to everyone who has already attended our events! We look forward to seeing you at upcoming ones!

# Flashback to the Past

This issue's flashback to the past is about the Woodruff House! Built in the 1860's, this house was known for its signature mansard style roof. Originally, this house had a hipped roof and a cupola! The third story and mansard roof were added in the 1880's. In 1911, the city wanted to move the post office out of a private residence and its sights were set on the corner that the Woodruff House lived at. To remedy this, the house was moved across the street. After the move, the house was turned into a residential hotel before being torn down in 2000.



## Leave a Legacy.

The museum relies on the generosity of its members and supporters throughout the community. We are continually grateful to the individuals and families who have established Planned Gifts over the years, leaving a legacy that has benefitted the Museum both during and after their lifetime. Please think of the Boone County Historical Society when planning your will.

## Important Dates to Remember

### 2023 Lecture Series

- April 21, 6pm: The 1967 Belvidere Tornado with Mike Doyle
- May 11, 6pm: Eleanor Roosevelt: Her Story, Her Day with Lynn Rymarz
- June 22, 6pm: The Beauty of Barns with Carol Rowe
- July 13, 6pm Ethnobotany with the Boone County Conservation District
- September 7, 6pm: Women Fighting in the Civil War with Lynne Rymarz
- November 30, 6pm: The History of the Belvidere Chrysler Plant with Mike Doyle

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