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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If you know of any events that are not on our calendar of Upcoming Events, please send them to the Editor. Thanks!

VERY SPECIAL EVENT

The LEAD HILL community one-time 200th anniversary event November 7th, 8th and 9th is one of the more interesting places in Arkansas and the town and county are planning their events around us, with a parade and a great vovs site!. Mr. Glenn went up along with Corey Edge to visit with the promoters who are great historians and have written several books about the area. They will also be paying EARA a substantial honorarium for our group so we **NEED AT LEAST 25 CAMPS. PLEASE** make a commitment to attend this event. They are really gearing up for a great time and this will give us some great publicity. We are trying to get a nice article in the *Democrat-Gazette* for this event.

There were lead and zinc mines in the area in the years before the 1920s. Actually the person who invented the "roller coaster" got the idea from Lead Hill, where they took the mine carts, put a track down the hills and people would hold on tight (no safety barriers) and roll free wheeling down the hills to the bottom and then the carts were towed back to the top by mules.

When the big lake up there was built, the town was where the water would wipe out the houses, so the people put them on trucks and moved them up the hills. The movers had a contest to see who could move a house up the hill without spilling a glass of water sitting on the dining room table. The losers had to buy drinks for the winners.

OCTOBER 2014

2 - Old Washington Home School Days. Call Teresa Lafferty
(501-247-6466)

2-5 - Critter's Voo. FAULK, AR. Call Critter/Bobby

10-11th 235th Anniversary Battle of Baton Rouge 1779
Saint Francisville, LA

Contact William Hardage 501-627-6313 britishofficer@yahoo.com

DON'T MISS LESLIE

9-12TH - 3rd Annual Leslie Rendezvous, Leslie, AR 9-12 Leslie Voo

Call Glenn Cook 501-350-6640

This event has kind of become one of those HAVE TO MAKE IT events, like Petit Jean or Woolly Hollow. These folks are SO NICE to us and the place we have it is a really great site near the old town which has some neat antique shops and other places to visit.

Last year we met a lot of NEW FOLKS from around the state and Missouri even so come on down or come on up, this is an EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED

**25TH-26th at Cadron Viller's Campaign on the Arkansas River (see flyer)
31st Cabot Middle school Frontier Days**

NOVEMBER 2014

1 - Searcy Pioneer Village. Call Melinda LaFavers

1 - Old Washington Fall Civil War Days. Call Washington St. Pk.

7, 8th and 9th LEAD HILL, SEE ARTICLE above

27-30 - Petit Jean Mountain Voo. Petit Jean State Park. Call Glenn Cook 501-350-6640

DECEMBER 2014

**7 - Christmas at HAM. Sunday only. Call Glenn Cook
501-941-7917**

19-24th December 19th - 24th, 2014. St. Francis River Encampment, Shoot, and Keelboat float. Encampment and shoot (rifle and smoothbore) will be at the Mississippi River State Park, located between Marianna and Helena-West Helena. Time period is 1766 to 1815. The weekend will be the encampment and shoot, followed by a two to three day float down the St. Francis River to Helena-West Helena. All boats are welcome to join the Keelboat "Aux Arc." Contact Tara Gillanders at the Park (870-295-4040; tara.gillanders@arkansas.gov) or Ed (501-944-0736; ed.laurine@juno.com).

After a discussion with Park staff, Ed has have postponed the December encampment at Mississippi River State Park.

The keelboat float down the St. Francis River is not postponed and we are full steam ahead on that trip.

2015 EVENTS

March 27th - 29th, 2015. White Oak Lake Colonial Encampment and Shoot. This encampment commemorates Arkansas's Colonial time period and is held at White Oak Lake State Park located near Bluff City, Arkansas. All colonial reenactors are welcome. Friday and Saturday morning will be a rifle and smoothbore competition. A tactical event on Saturday afternoon. Either contact the Park at 870-685-2748 or Ed Williams (501-944-0736) (ed.laurine@juno.com).

EARA INFORMATION

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Treasurer's Report

DATE	BALANCE	ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT
04/01/14	\$8,822.58			\$8,822.68
		Cook Lake		\$400.00
		Dues		\$595.00
		HAM		\$750.00
		Keel Boat		\$267.08
		KB Filming		\$500.00
		Quilt		\$10.00
		Food Cook Lake	-\$24.81	
		Copies	-\$106.22	
		Stamps	-\$196.00	
		Printer	-\$145.71	
		Insurance	-\$390.62	
		12th Nite food	-\$93.66	
		White Oak	-\$48.10	
		Cook Lake KB	-\$71.14	
		KB Paint	-\$62.93	
		KB Filming	-\$356.52	
		HAM FOOD	-\$285.68	
		Service chg	-\$39.56	
09/01/14	\$9,523.71			
General Funds	\$5,348.29			
KeelBoat	\$791.75			
Education	\$1,295.67			
Shinning Times	\$2,088.00			

Heard over the fence

The EARA annual picnic was held Saturday at Cadron park and we had a great turn out and more food than 100 people could have eaten. Michael Bethea gave up his position as treasurer of EARA which he has filled for quite some time. Our new Treasurer is Gwen Amburst and we are glad to have her on board. Thanks for your years of service Mike!

The board met and discussed the upcoming events for October, November and the Southwestern.

The town of Leslie and the entire county are anxiously awaiting our third annual event there as well as the Southwestern. Those folks just, as Mr. Glenn said, "think we walk on water" and want to do everything in their power to help us have a great event. So plan to make the LESLIE VOUS, we had so many great folks there last year and picked up some new members.

Since many new folks are with us now and even the old timers like me and Mr. Glenn don't know everyone now, we discussed the production of a photo membership directory for the coming year. Now that we have a reasonable way to produce black and white copy without costing us an arm and a leg for copy costs, we will be collecting the following information.

Name, address, e mail, telephone, photo in period costumes, interests and skills...you are invited to submit these things. You can send this to me at joyce@heifercreek.com and submit as much or as little as you'd like to have printed.

EARA PROFILES

I will also start a series of articles giving information about our members so we can get to know each other better... so let's introduce ourselves and get better acquainted. When you see someone at an event that you don't know, go up and stick your hand out and give them a howdy'do! I'm going to start this off with Mr. Glenn Cook who is our current president and a well beloved member of our group.

GLENN COOK

Glenn has been a member since Fido was a pup and lives with his lovely wife in Cabot. His daughter is the ever lovely Corey Cook Edge who is on our board of directors.

Glenn is one of the premier story tellers in EARA and has kept us rolling on the ground with his famous stories about the "snapping chair" and the "cat" stories as well as others.

Glenn is also a master gun maker, and for the past few years has been building a sail boat in his back yard with the intention of sailing away. Glenn has been working on this since he retired from teaching school a while back.

Glenn has been our president for the last couple of years and has actively gotten EARA in some new venues, such as the Leslie event. Glenn has rejuvenated the entire EARA group since he became our president and sparked new events and our membership has grown in numbers and visibility.

Glenn has also encouraged younger EARA members to assume positions on the board as the only way our group will survive is to have new and younger members who are coming up and invested in the group to assume the leadership. It is very gratifying to see this happen under Mr. Glenn's wise leadership.

Glenn also is a long time presenter at the Cabot Middle School Frontier days and the 5th grade kids all love him.

JOYCE HETRICK

I'll tell you a bit about myself for those of you who don't know me. I've been a member of EARA since 1995, and for several years I had one or more teams of oxen that I took to events along with a cart for them to pull. I got the camp name "Ox Lady" but then I got a pair of mammoth Jack donkeys and I got the camp name "Bad Ass Woman" (among others).

I am a former board member of EARA and have been doing the *Shinnin Times* newsletter for a few months now. My e mail is joyce @heifercreek.com, and phone is 501-551-7556. DON'T text me as my carrier charges me a quarter for each one I get.

You will usually hear me before you see me and I've usually got some kind of critter with me to show or butcher. Last year at Leslie the duck killing and cooking was such a hit that this year we have ramped it up and I will be butchering a small hog and a rabbit or two up there for the edification of the kiddies. It seems the country kids up there are interested not upset by seeing how their ancestors processed their meat from animal to plate.

I live at Springfield at Heifer Creek farm where my grandparents settled in 1833. I'm a retired Registered Nurse Practitioner, and farmer, but we still raise and butcher our own beef and have a few other critters here on the place.

DAVID HOWLETT

David is a board member of EARA and is my adopted son. He has lived here at Heifer Creek for many years. He works in the summer time as Program Director for the Boy Scout camp at Damascus, AR. He's worked there almost every summer since he was about 14.

David is an Eagle Scout and has many great woodsman's skills and can go into the woods and live on what he finds for weeks at a time. He is excellent at butchering various kinds of meats and is a great ox drover, metal worker and a pretty good mechanic. He is NRA certified as an instructor of instructors for several different classes of fire arms. Last year he went to a special class for this certification at the NRA headquarters in Washington DC. David will be in charge of the shooting sports for the Southwestern in March of 2015. He has some great ideas for the ranges.

David's phone number is 501-551-7557 but half the time he won't answer so if you want to talk to him TEXT him or call me at 501-551-7556, I DO answer my phone.

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Cadron, Arkansas

Oct 25-26, 2014



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both days.

Public Battle

2:00PM

both days.

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