

Bentonsport Heritage Day Festivities

June 24, 2023

- 9 am – 5 pm** **Shops open.** To be eligible for the shops' gift basket drawing at 4:30 pm, get a Bentonsport script ticket initialed at the Indian Artifact Museum, Iron & Lace, The Greef Store, Sisters Vintage, The She Shed, and Treen Woodworks. Need not be present to win.
- Breakfast snacks** available at The Stone House from Little Farm on Meadow and Heritage Baked Goods. Donuts served at food trailer parked at the Odd Fellows Hall on the west end of Bentonsport. **Coffee and juice** available at The Stone House or BIA Pie Stand.
- Bentonsport Market** vendors open. Joel of East Grove Farms plays his banjo intermittently.
- Artisan demonstrations** begin. Woodworking 1850s style; weaving; pottery; spinning; blacksmithing; rug weaving; and pottery wheel.
- Covered wagon tours** board at old blacksmith shop on Hawk Drive where 1850s woodworking is demonstrated. Tours last about 20 minutes and a wagon leaves about every 10 minutes. Meet 1850s characters along the way. The wagon tours will switch at 1 p.m. to support transport of people for the Home, School and Garden Show.
- Vintage self portraits.** Put on 1850-ish clothing for men, women and children. Volunteers will take your picture with your camera or cell phone at a choice of backgrounds. Located at west end of stone walls.
- 9:30 am** **Children's Activities** begin. Make clothes pin dolls, pot a plant, water balloon toss, ball and cup trick.
- Pianist Mindy Kralicek plays tunes from the 1850s** across from the shops.
- Bentonsport Rendezvous.** Enjoy the lifestyle of the 1830s fur trade era east of bridge.
- 10 am** **Dr. Aloysius Quacksham's Amazing Elixir Show**
- 10:20 am** **Mayor George Green rolls out his "Stimulus plan" for Heritage Day guests.**
- 10:30 am** **Pie and ice cream** stand opens. Bentonsport Improvement Association (BIA) offers homemade pies by piece or whole for a free will donation. Donations fund BIA restoration and maintenance projects.
- Lunch vendors open. **Big Guys Barbeque** will serve pulled pork and pork loin, ribeye, brisket, and chicken. Sides are potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans and assorted chips, pop and water. **The Kut** will serve burgers and cheeseburgers, gyros, loaded and regular fries, cheese curds, bacon blue cheese potato ribbon, and refreshing strawberry-lemonade. Gourmet hot dogs are served at the food trailer next to Odd Fellows Hall.
- 11 am** **Fiddler Tom Shadonix** plays at the Greef General Store until 2 pm.
- 12 pm** **Dr. Aloysius Quacksham's Amazing Elixir Show**
- 1 pm – 5 pm** **Home, School and Garden Show.** Covered wagon home tours board at old blacksmith shop on Hawk Drive where 1850s woodworking is demonstrated.
- Get your Tour Guide and Wrist Bands at The Stone House or at the BIA Pie Stand. Tickets are \$10 for each person 14 years and older. Persons younger than 14 years are free. Wagons will transport folks from one stop to the next about every 15 minutes, or walk at will. The final wagon Show Tour ride begins at 4 pm.
- 2 pm** **Dr. Aloysius Quacksham's Amazing Elixir Show**
- 4:30 pm** **Drawing** of basket of gifts from Bentonsport shops.
- 5 pm** **Close.** Thank you for visiting Bentonsport National Historic District. Come back again soon.

Notes *Cooling area in The Stone House. There are chairs in which to sit or recline in air conditioning.*

Well behaved leashed pet dogs are welcome in Bentonsport riverside park. Water bowls and dog waste bags are available along the shops' walkway. Dogs are not allowed inside Bentonsport buildings.

Just as in 1850s (or anytime) there are no ATMs in Bentonsport. All vendors take cash or check. Credit Card use is limited among the shops and vendors.

Public Restrooms available at The Stone House, The Greef General Store, and park Shelter House. There is a "sweet" toilet at the entrance to the boat ramp.