

Bonner County Centennial Celebration



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We've planned a big party and you're invited!

Bonner County
Fairgrounds

July 20th through July
22nd

Battle of the Bulls ▪

Dedication Dance for
the Holly Barn ▪ Pie

Social ▪ Historic

Exhibits ▪ Equine

Soccer Game ▪ Tractor

Displays ▪ Old Time

Demos ▪ Food Booths ▪

Sunday Church Service

This year marks 100 years of Bonner County's existence. Bonner County is among the latest of the state's 44 counties, having been cut off from Kootenai County by an act of the Legislature on February 2, 1907.

Bonner County became a memorial to an outstanding pioneer of the north area, Edwin L. Bonner, who came here in 1862 and purchased the right to build and operate a ferry on the Kootenai River from old Chief Abraham of the Kootenai tribe at the ferry site less than 30 miles from Canada.

Railroads and steamboats served as important links between towns and outlying areas but major logging companies that came into the area really formed the economic base. Agriculture, light manufacturing, and tourism expanded over the years, changing the face of Bonner County forever.

Throughout the year, a series of events are planned to help celebrate our history and pay respect to the people who had the vision, strength, and fortitude to make a home for themselves and generations to come.

The Chautauqua was a nationwide phenomenon in the late 19th and early 20th centuries based upon traveling culture enrichment programs that visited rural communities. It was at its peak or popularity during the time Bonner County was formed. The first Chautauqua in the area was held in Sandpoint in 1913. Inspired by the Chautauqua, the Bonner County Historical Society has planned a series of county-wide programs, projects, and exhibits. The Museum will be on the road providing special programs in communities throughout the county, as well as creating traveling exhibits in the form of an historical web project, bringing the voices and images of the century to county residents.

Visit the museum's website for details and locations.

www.bonnercountyhistory.org

For more information,
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