

FROM THE FRONT PORCH



Honeyshuck - Historic Home of the Hon. Champ Clark & Family

New season underway at The Champ Clark House Political Stump Speaking slated for Aug. 5

School's out, temperatures are rising and The Champ Clark House has opened its doors for another tourist season.

For The Champ Clark House (Honeyshuck), 2012 is a year of particular significance. It was 100 years ago the home's one-time owner, James Beauchamp "Champ" Clark was a Democrat frontrunner for president of the United States. And for a while, it looked like Clark would be the nominee. Tides turned during the 1912 Convention in Baltimore and Woodrow

Wilson earned the nomination - and ultimately, the presidency.

Like 1912, 2012 will be defined by a number of political races, on the national, regional, and local levels. With that in mind, The Champ Clark House will host its biennial Political Stump Speaking. Stump Speaking offers area residents an opportunity to hear from those running for respective political offices.

Participants will be given a few minutes to address the audience. Invitations will be extended to

all candidates.

Stump Speaking is slated for 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 at the Bowling Green High School commons. Seating - and air conditioning (!) is available in the school. Ice cream and cake will be served. There is no fee to attend and the public is welcome.

The Champ Clark House is open to the public. Docent is Trevor Lilley (see inside), a teacher at BONCL school with a taste for all things history. Among his interests are researching - and teaching about - the Civil War.

He is a resident of rural Bowling Green; a Clopton alum, and a graduate of Lindenwood University, St. Charles.

Moving forward, The Champ Clark House board continues to explore ways to reach those interested in Champ Clark, his family, and the political figures of Pike's past and present. Reaching out to like-minded individuals and organizations - as well as area schools - is a priority. And so is sharing the stories that make The Champ Clark House such a valuable asset.

Austin Suddarth is 2012 Speaker's Award recipient



Speaker's Award recipient Austin Suddarth, is presented his check. Those pictured are board president, Charlene McCune, Elenore Schewe, Suddarth and Mary Millan.

Thanks to the generosity of Elenore Schewe, another Bowling Green High School graduate has earned The Speaker's Award. Austin Suddarth was presented a check for \$500 at Honeyshuck on June 1. Joined by friends and family, Austin toured the home and told of some of his future plans. Admittedly, Austin was excited to earn the honor. He plans to attend Missouri State University and pursue a career in law.

The award, named after Speaker of the House Champ Clark, was made possible through the Schewe Fund, established by Ms. Schewe, through which over \$3,000 has been presented to BGHS

grads. Elenore, a 1941 Washington University graduate, resides in Vandalia. She was in attendance for the presentation, extending her congratulations to Austin.

Austin Suddarth is the son of Curtis Suddarth and Lori Suddarth. The 2012 presentation was the largest sum presented to date: \$500. At its inception, the scholarship was \$200.

Here is the roster of recipients:

- 2003 - Nikki Harper
- 2004- Meagan Perry
- 2005- Jacob Colbert
- 2006- Eric Dunn
- 2007- Sara Ehret
- 2008- Kayla Tepen
- 2009- Jack Brown

- 2010- Elizabeth Dopp
- 2011- Andrew Fisher
- 2012- Austin Suddarth

The Speaker's Award is presented to a BGHS graduate, based on achievement, leadership and a desire to pursue law, political science, or related field.

Students are selected by school staff.

June 1 also marked the beginning of a new tourist season at The Champ Clark House (Honeyshuck). Summer 2012 welcomes docent, Trevor

Lilley. Lilley is a history teacher for the BONCL school, located in rural Pike County.

Recent weeks have found him brushing up on Champ Clark and family, including the tutelage of long-time board members and guides. And he has been busy reading, including the 2-volume Clark autobiography, *My Quarter Century of American Politics*, published 1920.

Regular tour hours are 1 to 4 p.m. every day but Monday. Tours are also available by appointment. For more information, view the home website at www.champclark.org; call 573.324.6707; e-mail info@champclark.org; or stop by 207 East Champ Clark Drive.



Docent Trevor Lilley shares a laugh with board member Pam Williams and Charlene McCune.

Honeyshuck, community mourn loss of a leader

The Champ Clark House lost one of its most beloved leaders May 26: Marilyn Millan. Marilyn was an integral part of the Honeyshuck effort from its inception. Her husband, Jim, was enlisted in the early days by museum founder, Bill Hungate.

“Dad and Judge Hungate were great friends,” said daughter, Mary Millan. “It was always fun listening to them visiting with each other.”

The two shared many interests, including Honeyshuck, the home of Champ Clark. They saw the importance of the home, not only to Pike County, but to the nation.

So did Marilyn. “Dad was the driving force,” said Mary, “but Mother was always by his side.

“When Dad died (in 1996), Mother took his spot on the board and displayed her love and devotion to the home as well.”

Marilyn was active in more than Honeyshuck: a member of First Christian Church, Sunday school teacher, elder, deacon

and board member; Heir Study Club; Daughters of the American Revolution;



Marilyn Millan

January 7, 1937-May 26, 2012

tion; P.E.O. Sisterhood; Girl Scout leader; Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She was a Bowling Green Citizen of the Year honoree and sang with the Heir Study singers - and a maker of well-renowned homemade rolls!

“My sister and I would have to go over there (to Honeyshuck) after church on Sundays, and be hostesses,” recalls Mary.

“There were only a couple of rooms available for viewing, but it was important to our father that someone be there in case there were visitors.”

Today, Mary marvels at the transformation of the

home since those days.

“To think how far the house has come from the beginning as an apartment to a beautiful museum is amazing,” she said. “Without the help of our community, it would have never happened.

“My mother loved her community and strived to make it a better place by providing different opportunities, such as Honeyshuck,” said Mary. “Her dedication and strong will to keep the home open was an inspiration to me. She continually thought about ideas to encourage the public to visit the home.

She loved history and was very proud of Honeyshuck.”

Mary, who currently serves on the Honeyshuck board as its treasurer, is one of three children. Her sister and former co-hostess, Rebecca Glenn, resides in Bowling Green with her family. Brother,

Jim, resides in Hannibal with his family.

Memorial services were held at Bowling Green First Christian Church Wednesday, May 30. Pallbearers were George Glenn, Reid Glenn, Ted Glenn, Matt Hood, Bill McIlroy, John McIlroy Jr., Adam Millan and Jason Shinn. Honorary pallbearers were Rodes Hood, Sue Davis, Richard LaBrier, Jane Powell, Frank Fanning, Ed Lawson and Paula Stewart.

Services were officiated by Pastor Dawn Marie Turner. Arrangements were by Mudd-Veach Funeral Home, with burial at

Columbia City Cemetery, Columbia, Mo.

Memorials in Marilyn's honor may be made to Bowling Green First

Christian Church, Pike County Home Health and Hospice or to The Champ Clark House (Honeyshuck).



Parting words...

Champ Clark Honeyshuck Restoration Inc. strives to share the stories of Speaker of the House Champ Clark, wife Genevieve, daughter Genevieve and son Bennett; collectively, the Clark family.

And since the home's inception as a museum, the goal has been to highlight careers and lives of Pike County's politicians: Gov. Lloyd Stark, Gov. Elliott Major, the Hon. Bill Hungate, to name a few.

As we move forward, we are exploring all avenues through which the stories can be told. Traditional

media continues to be one such outlet. Additionally, The Champ Clark House was a website, still in infantile stages, with plans to exploit applicable forms of social media: Facebook, Twitter, and more.

One hundred years after the infamous 1912 Democratic Convention in Baltimore (where Champ nearly became the Democrat presidential nominee), there are plenty of stories to be told!

The Champ Clark House, located on

East Champ Clark Drive in Bowling Green, is enjoying a steady stream of visitors and tour groups. We encourage all to stop



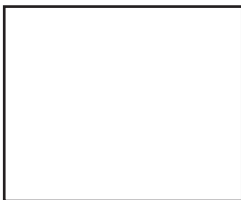
A Young Champ Clark

by for a visit.

For more information, feel free to contact any of the following board members: Anne Keller, Glen Leverenz, Nathan Lilley, Pam Williams, Michael Reynolds, Martha Sue Smith, Margie Vogel, Elaine Niemeyer, Carol Fanning, Tom Lewis, Frank Berlin, Nada McIlroy, Millie Betz, Nancy Guyton, Ed Lawson, Charlene McCune, Bill Unsell or Mary Millan. Honorary board members are Ben Clark, Dottie Hungate and Millie Jackson. Friend of Honeyshuck is Elenore Schewe.

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