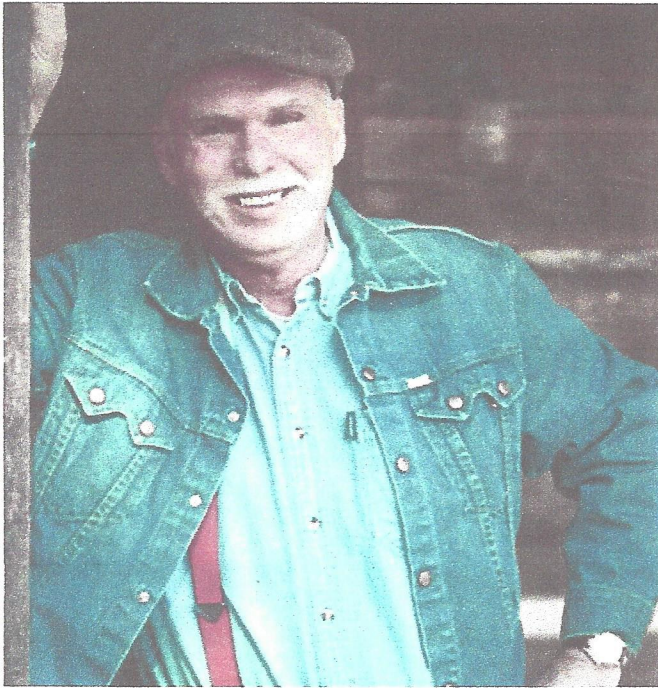


Richmond County Historical Society

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'Those who don't remember their ancestors don't deserve to be remembered!'



J.A. Bolton will be our guest speaker at the August 21 meeting of the Richmond County Historical Society.

White likker and local affinity for it, as told by J.A. Bolton

Storyteller J.A. Bolton will entertain us at the August 21 meeting of the Richmond County Historical Society beginning at 7 p.m. at Rockingham City Hall.

J.A. tells tall tales, but that evening he will be telling the truth - along with a few legends - about the colorful world of local bootleggers.

....Edward Snyder will be instructing us on how a proper likker still (illegal) is constructed and its operation. He will bring one of his own stills (he collectd) to illustrate.

....Bolton and Snyder are also local historians and members of the Historical Society Board of Directors.

Anyone with bootleggers – past or present – in the family are invited to share their heritage at the meeting.

The speakers will be talking about the moonshining business and the people who ran those operations here in our county from the 1700s until the 1960s.

Snyder will be bringing a miniature whisky still he collected and talking about its operation.

Bolton will have displays of actual personal belongings of Ebin and Pearle Cagle, the most legendary moonshiners of Richmond County.

Pictures will be shown of past liquor stills that were raided and became the property of the High Sheriff of the county at that time.

Stories of life on both sides of the law will be presented. Like how at one time in our history the whiskey making and selling business was a legitimate family-owned venture.

Why, even when folks died their copper stills and recipies were handed down from one family generation to another,

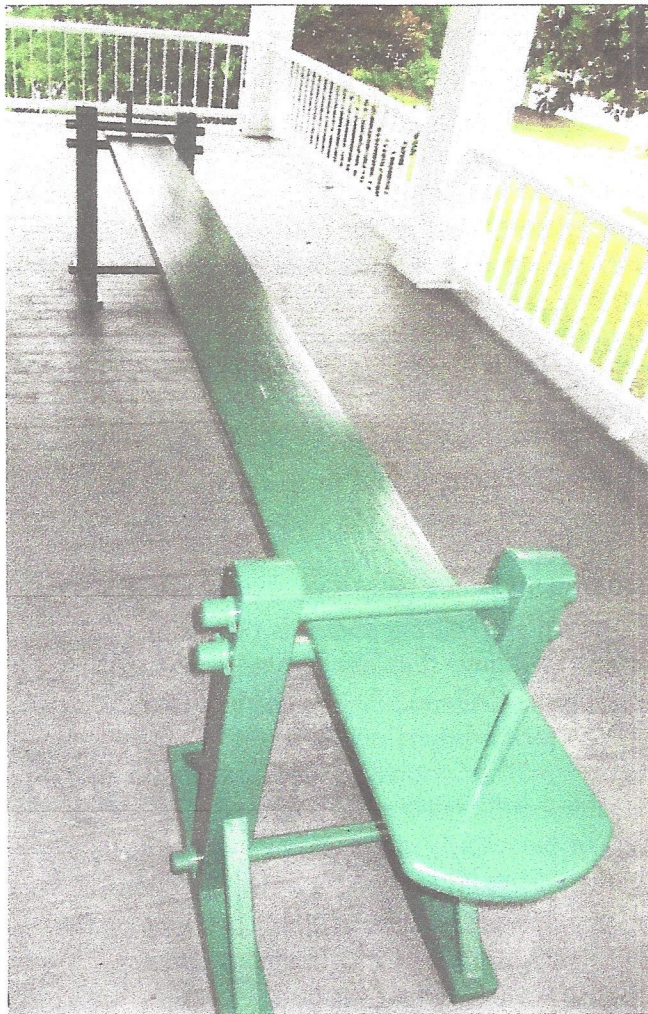
And, about how taxes on all spirits made in America brought about the Whiskey Rebellion, and how it tragically ended.

Also during the program, the history and legends of the Cagle family of the Pee Dee River Hills will be discussed. Hopefully, living members of the Cagle family will be present to answer questions and tell some of their family stories.

There are stories of how laws meant to deter the sale of alcohol in our country actually helped and promoted the sale of distilled whisky.

So, bring your questions and stories of the Cagles and moonshining in Richmond County.

It promises to be a most informative night of history and folklore presented by members of the Richmond County Historical Society.



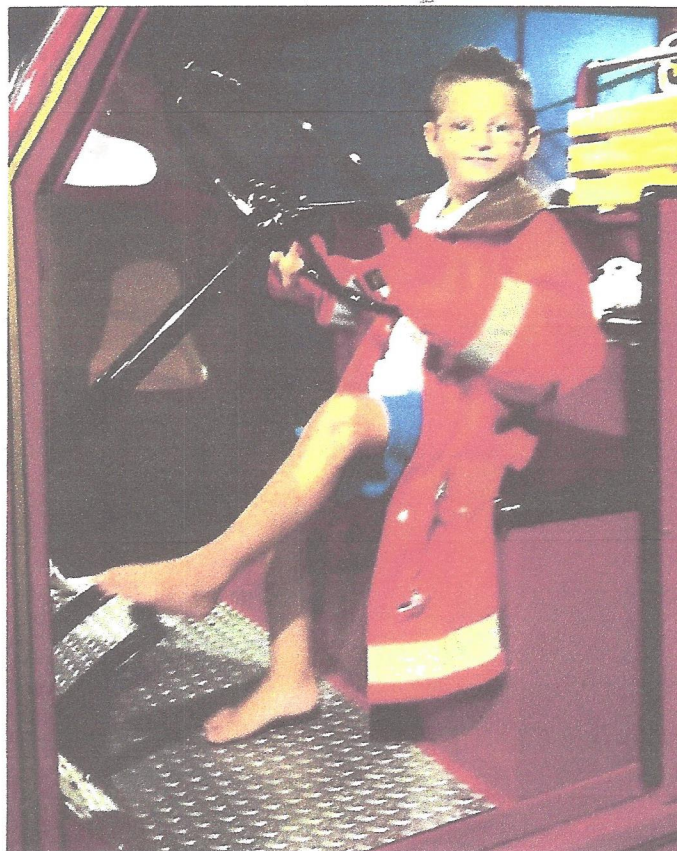
New Paint Job

The Juggling/Jostling Board on the second floor porch of the Leak-Wall House has received a new coat of glossy dark green paint. Such boards were used in the South in early 1800s.

October Outing

At 6:30 p. m. on Monday, October 16, members of the Richmond County Historical Society will gather at Discovery Place Kids as an evening outing.

After a 20-minute presentation, the museum will be open for guided tours explaining how they teach children how to learn through play.



A Discovery Place KIDS visitor gets to pretend to be a fireman on a real fire truck at the museum.

Members will then be able to play with the exhibits, build things and have fun.

Rooms downstairs will be set up for birthday parties held at the museum for children with real cake and ice cream for all attending.

Congratulations

Dr. John S. Stevenson has been appointed to the Richmond Community College Board of Trustees by N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper for a four-year term.

Dr. Stevenson is president of the Richmond County Historical Society, a position he has served for many years.

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