

Douglas County Historical Society seeks input

The Douglas County Historical Society has scheduled a series of public meetings during September to gather input on the future direction of the society and Watkins Community Museum.

The meetings and an online survey that will be available soon are the first steps in a strategic planning process that the society hopes will help it focus its mission and set a positive course for the future, said Dale Slusser, president of the DCHS board.

The four public meetings are scheduled for:

- 7 p.m. Sept. 10 at Territorial Capitol/Lane Museum in Lecompton;
- 7 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Clinton Town Hall;
- 7 p.m. Sept. 23 in the Baldwin City Library;
- 7 p.m. Sept. 24 at Watkins Museum.

Members of public are invited to attend the meetings and share their thoughts about how the Douglas County Historical Society and Watkins Museum can best tell the county's important historical stories and connect those stories both within the county and with the stories in other parts of the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

Many of the current DCHS board members were newly appointed this summer, Slusser noted, and are hard at work planning for the future of the society and Watkins Museum.

"We are eager to build on the past success of the DCHS and launch new and exciting projects," he said.

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