New Haven Celebrates Frank...

By Tony Carosella

On Saturday, August 24, the New Haven Franklin County bicentennial was celebrated by numerous events around town. First, was the Civil War Tea held at Riverfront Cultural Society. Reserved seating for 40 people celebrated a period costume soiree inside the historic Riverfront Cultural Society which was long ago the Grannemann store. The event was sold out and during the hour and a half the party goers were treated to live period music provided by Trig and Kathryn Render and also tea and biscuits.

Next was live music sponsored by the Franklin County bicentennial committee at Roblier winery. The winery featured two bands: one was classic rock band and the other was a bluegrass band. They played for several hours, and patrons could also shop among the inventory of whimsical homemade acoustic guitars and electric guitars. The guitars were made from such unusual things as cigar boxes, bed-pans, and small wooden

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boxes.
Pioneers Day was held at the Library, and reenactors gave visitors a glimpse into daily life from 200 years ago. There was a display of animal pelts, a cooking demonstration, a clothes washing demonstration, a wood carving demonstration, a doll making demonstration, a civil war chaplain and period music performed on a zither, violin and guitar. The beautiful afternoon made visiting the library event a treat for the families who appreciated this glimpse back in time.

Another event was an ice cream social held at the old-school Museum.

Visitors could partake of some great scoops of ice cream from central dairy and also wander through the museum rooms. The main gallery room had a display of Franklin County history on pop-up panels. The rest of the museum was also open and visitors could enjoy the displays of the classroom gallery and also the basement gallery.

Finally, the celebration finished with the night time walking tour given by David Menke.

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DR. LINDA GODWIN gave a illuminating talk on her adventures as a NASA Astronaut. Her last mission was 19 years ago transferring new crew members on the shuttle to the international space station.