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“THE HISTORY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL”

February 14, 2023

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Benny Gibson will present, “The History of Franklin County High School.”

This presentation will detail the long and often contentious history of the proposing and building of Franklin County High School. Beginning in the early 1900s, when Franklin County, Virginia, was a rural, backward and sparsely populated area with a school system reflecting these poor conditions, this program will illustrate the growth of the school and the significant events that helped to mold its unique characteristics. Today, Franklin County High School remains the only public high school in the seventh-largest county in the state. As such, it is constantly evolving to effectively serve the youth of Franklin County, as it has for over seven decades. This presentation is based on Mr. Gibson’s recently published book by the same name. Signed copies will be available for purchase after the presentation.

William “Benny” Gibson was born in Wise County, Va. He moved to Franklin County, at the age of 4, after his father died in a mining accident. He graduated from Franklin County High School in 1971 and attended East Carolina University on a football scholarship. After graduating in 1975, he married Martha Sue Wolfe and began working for Franklin County Public Schools. He earned a Master’s degree from Radford University and completed additional coursework at Virginia Tech and UVA. He held several positions at the High School with the last 15 years as principal. He and Martha are the proud parents of four sons (all graduates of Franklin County High School) and grandparents of ten grandchildren.

PLEASE REGISTER AND PAY IN ADVANCE!



Note: Beginning in January 2023, the fee to attend is \$20 for non-members and \$12 for members.

Please join us for a great program and fellowship. Invite a friend!

“THE HISTORY OF FCHS”

February 14, 2023

(To register, please complete this form and return it to the Center by Friday, February 10th.)

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____
(Please include the Rev., Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Circle One: I have special dining requirements and will email PNCenter@gmail.com to make arrangements. YES NO

Unless otherwise informed, Phoebe Needles Center, Inc. will consider your registration as permission to use your photograph if it appears in video or still photos including our web site unless otherwise requested.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

To make a reservation, please return the form at the bottom of the first page, call the office at (540)483-1518, or email PNCenter@gmail.com. Please make your reservations no later than the Friday before the event.

You are welcome to arrive at McCauley Hall for a coffee social at 9:30 a.m. prior to the event. The event will start at 10:00 a.m. Lunch starts at approximately 12:00 p.m. The cost of the program plus lunch is \$12.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. You **MUST** call ahead and make a reservation to ensure we prepare enough lunch. If you have a food allergy or other special dining need such as vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, low-salt or other requirements, please notify us at the time of your registration. We will try to provide a meal that meets your needs; however, we may not be able to honor all requests. Special requests may be emailed to PNCenter@gmail.com.



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