Provenance

Unknown

Scope and Content

This collection contains papers from the Women’s Division of the Boone County Chamber of Commerce from 1973-1976. Much of the collection pertains to the Division’s Environmental Committee and the Beautiful Boone Award.

For Series VII: Photographs, see Photographs-Chamber of Commerce, Women’s Division.

Series

I. Minutes
II. Newsletters
III. Correspondence
IV. Beautiful Boone Award
V. Miscellaneous (includes a membership card, membership rosters, notes on the Robert D. Billingsley/Walter Whitecotton farm, and miscellaneous notes)
VI. Newspaper Clippings
VII. Photographs

Background

The Women’s Division was the female branch of the Boone County Chamber of Commerce. The Division conducted a number of outreach projects to promote Boone County; one of its signature programs was the Environmental Committee’s Beautiful Boone Award. The Environmental Committee was formed in 1973, inspired by Lady Bird Johnson’s desire that communities do “something … to make life better for the causes that mean so much there.” The Beautiful Boone Award was established to recognize individuals and groups who had improved private or commercial property “through cleanup, restoration, or beautification.”

In 1975, the Women’s Division determined that it could better fulfill its mission by merging with the Chamber of Commerce. In 1976, the Women’s Division transferred its unit of organization to the Chamber of Commerce Board and ceased to be a separate entity.

Access Restrictions: None
Related Holdings: Vertical Files: Beautiful Boone Award; Boone Co. Chamber of Commerce

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