

TIMELINES

COFFEY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

Pioneer Days huge success at Museum



“Home, home on the range, where the deer and the antelope play, where seldom is heard a discouraging word and the skies are not cloudy all day”. This song may have rung in the hearts of many on January 24th, 2004. Pioneer Days was a major success that day.

The museum had an overwhelming crowd attend this annual event. Over five hundred people showed up and enjoyed old and new workshops at the museum.

The event presented workshops such as tribal face painting, old fashioned games, silhouettes, candle dipping, apple peeling, butter churning, rope making, yarn doll making, marbles, hopscotch, and Hot Wheels races. There were numerous educational demonstrations, for

instance, weaving, quilting, toy-trains, and re-enactments in the school and church.

Rope-making was a huge hit, after Don Miller and his wife

Shirley stepped in. They brought plastic rope for the children to create jump-ropes. We



would like to personally thank them for their awesome job.

Alan Smith and Merle Smith provided wonderful Old Time Music at the Ham and Bean feed.

The Model T

Club showed a few of their antique cars in the parking lot.

Not only did we have an abundant crowd, we were also very pleased with all of our volunteers. Over twenty volunteers provided “scrumptious” pies for the Ham and Bean feed. Over 35 volunteers helped with the activities.

We were also “Star struck” by the 25 “Celebrities” of Coffey County, that graced us with their presence at the Ham and Bean Feed. We had no leftovers, which was a major achievement!

Over-all Pioneer Days 2004, was the best one we have had in five years. We would like to thank all of the volunteers and attendees for helping make this special event a success.



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Two “Love Birds” exchanged vows on Valentine’s Day in Bethel Church

Brett Nash and Bobbi Peet were married in the Bethel Church on the Museum grounds, February 14th, 2004.

Brett and Bobbi have a beautiful daughter together and have known each other for eight years. The couple had been engaged. They decided to enter the KSNP wedding contest, although they didn’t think a wedding was possible this year. After entering the contest they received about 400 votes and the other couple competing for the wedding only received about 250 explained Bobbi.



Brett and Bobbi lighting the unity candle at their wedding ceremony. (PHOTO: Gifford’s Photography)

“When we won we both thought it was fate,” she commented. The local businesses pitched in and paid for the whole wedding, including dresses, rings, location, honeymoon, cake, the whole works. Bobbi did admit she bought a few “odds and ends” for the wedding, she said she spent about \$200.00 total.

She was extremely pleased with the location, both Brett and Bobbi wanted a simple wedding. Her comment on the Bethel Church was, “We couldn’t have asked for a better location for the wedding!”

“The one thing she liked about the wedding ceremony was that the heaters worked well,” she replied. Not only did she like the heat, she mostly loved the fact that

they were able to get married. “We had the wedding of our dreams”, she exclaimed.

Not only was the wedding great, Bobbi said, the honeymoon was too. The happy couple left after the wedding to go to Joplin, Missouri for a one night getaway. They stayed in a two bedroom condo with a Jacuzzi.

Brett and Bobbi would like to thank everyone who made their wedding possible. She also added that her

family and friends complimented about how nice the location was. The glowing bride added “It was perfect for us!”

Remember, the Bethel Church can be rented for weddings, get-togethers, and

other special occasions. For more information please contact the



Brett and Bobbi before the wedding outside the Bethel Church at the Coffey County Museum. (PHOTO: Gifford’s Photography)

BOARD MEMBER BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENT!

Four members of the Board of Trustees have recently celebrated a Birthday. Bud Redding, of Waverly had a birthday on January 8th. Our Director, Deborah Kennamore celebrated on January 12th. Jo Ann Phillips, President, had a birthday on the 25th of February. Mona Veteto, Secretary, celebrated her birth on February 27th.



Gun Display being rearranged

Located in the Asbury Gallery at the Museum is the gun display that has needed a new look.

Shirley Gorge and Jessi Cherry spent part of an afternoon rearranging this display. Shirley then took over by researching the guns to make new signage for the exhibit.

Come visit the Museum to view this newly refreshed display. Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m.—5:00p.m. And Saturday through Sunday 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.



“Walkin’ in a Winter Wonderland”

All Photos by: Shirley Gorge



The Bethel Church



The Steel Bridge



Huge flakes mask the entrance to the Museum



Looking out the front door of the Museum



The Schoolhouse

New items arrived at Gift Shoppe

The Coffey County Museum Gift Shoppe needed a few additions.

Some new items include Kansas memorabilia such as thimbles (\$2.20), spoons (\$3.00), and metal bookmarks (\$2.40). All featuring the Kansas state flower, the sunflower.



Also other new items include pencil sharpeners made of die cast metal. These new sharpeners come in the form of an antique iron, a lantern, a horse and buggy, a covered wagon, a caboose, and a locomotive. Each sharpener only cost two dollars a piece.



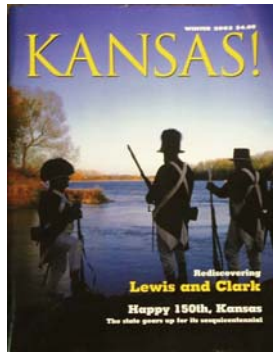
For your reading pleasure a new book has arrived entitled *The Secret*

Danites Kansas' First Jayhawkers by

Todd Mildfelt. This book is about the secret society that organized Kansas to be a free state. All copies of the book are signed by Todd Mildfelt himself. Come in and get one before we run out! The cost of the book is \$15.00.

Another item for you readers out there, is the *Kansas!* Magazine.

This magazine is quarterly. Articles featured in every magazine are Letters to the Editor, Getaways, Explore Kansas, Prairie Potpourri, Favorite Recipes, Calendars, and a Vacation Snapshot. The magazine is available at the Gift Shoppe for only \$4.00.



Other hot items are the new windmills. They stand 16 inches and 12 inches tall. They have Kansas written on them, and also a small sunflower at the base. The large one costs \$29.95 and the small one is \$28.95.

There is a new "high tech" gadget that arrived in our Shoppe called the

KEYFINDER. A person can simply hook this key chain to their keys and if he/she loses them, they just whistle. The key chain will blink and whistle back once it picks up the high pitched noise, making keys easier to find. The price is \$3.00 here at the Museum Gift Shoppe.

Other new items are stationary with a street scene from Burlington, KS in 1908. It is printed on the paper items. This scene is on a large note card (\$3.00), small note card (\$2.00), bundle of small note cards (\$10.00), print (\$12.00), and a magnet (\$3.00).



To see and purchase these wonderful items mentioned in this article or any of our other many items, come to the Coffey County Museum Gift Shoppe, we will be waiting!

Artifact of the Month Posted on Website

There are many interesting artifacts in the Museum. Some of which we feature on our Website. Each month Shirley Gorge, Educational Curator, picks an artifact of the month. The item chosen is then posted on our Website with a description of the artifact and brief history.

To check out the featured antique please go to www.coffeycountymuseum.org

This month's artifact is the Kodak Duaflex Flash Camera. It is featured in our new Newspaper Display in the Flint Hills Gallery. This artifact was donated by Paul Martindale.



News from the Director by Deborah Kennamore



On this cold, rainy day in March, it is hard to believe that it is spring

in some parts of our country. I'm ready! We had a lot of snow this winter and when it when it was cold outside...it was *really cold!*

However, we really lucked out with great weather for our annual Pioneer days. The weather helped us make it a record day for us. We all had so much fun with the record attendance.

I encourage all of our long distance members to check out our Website on a regular

basis—we are constantly updating the site. We will be adding our Lifetime Members and Brick Purchases in the near future. I am thankful for our *Webmaster, my dear hubby* Pete. We are constantly updating adding and changing exhibits at the Museum. I encourage you to come see us! Change is good!

We are also planning many special events this summer so check with us regarding the progress. Of course, you will all be invited.

Our next newsletter which will be out in July 2004 will be a bigger challenge than usual. I have been totally spoiled the last few issues with Jessi Cherry, our work study student extraordinaire, taking over the writing of the newsletter among her many

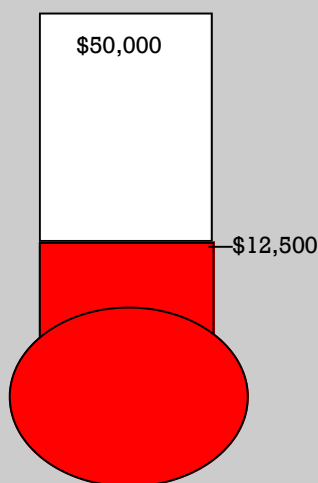
other duties. Jessi has done a fantastic job. I am already mourning because she graduates in May and then she will be heading to Alaska. Maybe she will write via e-mail? We all wish Jessi good luck in her new endeavors.

Coming this summer to the Coffey County Historical Museum...

"Spirit of the Mask"

From the private collection of Carla Hanson of Kansas City, Missouri, the Coffey County Historical Museum presents "Spirit of the Mask." Representing a broad assortment of nationalities, religions, rituals, over 100 masks from 5 continents, 40 countries, and nearly a dozen Native American tribes will be showcased! Dating from the early 1900's to the present, these masks can be viewed not only as cultural symbols but also as beautiful works of art.

Brick Goal Thermometer



Brick Sales are going well!

"We invite you to take part in this opportunity to place your name in Coffey County History."

The Museum will be breaking ground this spring or summer! The imprinted bricks are \$40.00 per brick which includes two lines of text both with 13 characters per line. The bricks will serve as a walkway to the gazebo. They can be a wonderful gift or a memorial for a loved one.

Please feel free to contact the Museum about brick purchases anytime.

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New Brick Sales since December 2003

In Memory of Clyde R Traw	In Memory of Nora Norris
In Memory of James C Traw	In Memory of George Traw
In Memory of Ralph W Woods	In Memory of E J Mitchell
In Memory of Jack Roush	In Memory of Marion Carter
In Memory of Fred Garrett	Imo Garrett Age 100 years
James & Linda Salava	McAlister Family
Loretta White Nelson White MD	Don Fry Jr. Class of 1960
Gene Jon Class of 1960	Catherine & Larry Crotts
Jayden Payne	McKenzie Payne
Mike & Janet Payne	Majorie J and Ivan Smith
George & Mary Theobald	

New Life Members since December 2003

We've had four new life members since
December 2003 they are:

- Mr. Robert Lyle Bruce
- Mrs. Nellie Bruce
- Mrs. Edris Ellen Irwin Hayes
- Achsah Carter Schultz

