

# Timelines

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- **Deborah Kennamore, Director**
- **Jean Beaty, Office Work**
- **Shirley Gorge, Educational Curator**
- **Kristin Smith, Staff**

## Masks Huge Success At Opening

Carla Hanson's mask collection arrived on the fourth of May. The girls at the museum worked furiously; along with Carla and her friend Cliff to get the masks put up before the grand opening. That Tuesday all of the staff stayed late trying to organize the overwhelming wooden crates full of diverse masks.

In the end everything worked out wonderfully. By the end of Tuesday evening the majority of the masks were behind glass and the signs were hung. The rest of the week was spent preparing for the Friday night opening. The masks were rearranged and the silent auction was being prepared.

Auction items were coming in right and left, the tables were set and then it

was Friday night.

The doors were open at 7:00 in came pouring over one hundred guests looking at masks, enjoying wine, cheese and fruit, and bidding on silent auction items.

The night was sponsored by Gene and Barb Merry,

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, Coffey County Economic Development, Coffey Health System, Coffey County Sheriff Department, and over 70 Coffey County businesses.

Leslie McConnell, a harpist, was playing in the Flint Hills Gallery. A speaker was set up in every room so the pretty melody could be heard through the whole

museum.

While people looked through the masks Carla was right by her collection answering questions and sharing stories about her interesting collection.

The silent auction went over very well. The revenue will help with the cost of the exhibit.

As the museum crowd mingled, viewed, and enjoyed the event the night came to a closing.

The "Spirit of the Mask" exhibit will be here until September 22, 2004. Please come in to see this amazing exhibit.

On behalf of the Coffey County Historical Society, Volunteers, Staff, and Board we would like to thank everyone who made this opening a success.



## Gazebo Groundbreaking

June 10th is the big event. The Hoover Family and the Coffey County Historical Society are hosting a Gazebo Groundbreaking at the Coffey County Museum.



The gathering will be held rain or shine at 5:00 p.m. in casual dress.

Due to the generous donation from the Hoover family the gazebo project is moving forward.

Following the completion of the gazebo there will be a dedication ceremony.

## Schedule of Events

# June 2004

- Now-September 22 “Spirit of the Mask” exhibit. 93 masks from 5 continents and 40 countries and nearly a dozen Native American Tribes from the private collection of Carla Hanson. Right here at the Coffey County Museum.

- June 3-4 Governor’s “Hooked On Fishing, Not On Drugs” fishing tournament. Held at Coffey County Lake.

- June 5—City Wide Garage Sales in Lebo and New Strawn

- June 10—Historical Society Board Meeting (4:00 P.M.) — Gazebo Ground Breaking. The Hoover Family and the Coffey County Historical Society are hosting the groundbreaking for the outdoor Gazebo at 5:00 p.m. at the Coffey County Museum

- June 11-12 Strawn Fest Fishing tournament.

- June 12-15— Art Train stops in LeRoy, KS. This year’s theme is “Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture”

- June 19—BHS Alumni Reunion for the class of 1955 and 1956 at the Museum 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Contact Marvin Withers for more information.

| Sun          | Mon          | Tue          | Wed | Thu                                       | Fri                    | Sat                                      |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----|---|------------------------|--|
|              |              | 1            | 2   | 3 Governors Hooked on Fishing             | 4                      | 5 City-Wide Garage Sales Lebo/New Strawn |
| 6            | 7            | 8            | 9   | 10 Board Meeting / Gazebo Ground Breaking | 11 Strawn Fest Fishing | 12 Art Train/Strawn Fest Fishing         |
| 13 Art Train | 14 Art Train | 15 Art Train | 16  | 17  | 18                     | 19 BHS Alumni Reunion                    |
| 20           | 21           | 22           | 23  | 24  | 25                     | 26                                       |
| 27           | 28           | 29           | 30  |   |                        |  |

## Introducing Kristin Smith

She began working at the museum April 6, 2004.

Kristin being a fraternal twin is the youngest girl in her family by 20 minutes. She also, is one of eight children. Her younger years were spent in Orlando, Oklahoma. They then moved to Ellinwood, Kansas where Kristin graduated from Ellinwood High School.

Kristin worked five years in an Ellinwood Nursing home where she received her Activities Director Degree in Geriatrics and became a Certified Nurses Aid.

She has lived in Burlington, KS

since 1993. Her last place of employment was Hoover’s Thriftway where she worked almost two years.

Kristin has three beautiful children Alex, Abby, and Antony. She is married to Dennis Smith.

Her husband reintroduced her to



fishing, which is one of her many hobbies. Kristin is also interested in scrap booking, stamping, sewing and gardening.

In her spare time she helps out with the Christian Church Youth Group called G.A.P. (God Answers Prayer).

She really enjoys her job at the museum; especially being around people.

“I like grounds keeping, getting acquainted with my job, learning the history of Coffey County and understanding the ‘behind the scenes’ of the museum.”

# News from the Director by Deborah Kennamore

Oh What a Wonderful Staff we have here at your Museum! We are so fortunate. This hardworking group of people can rise to any occasion! The opening for the "Spirit of the Mask" was a huge success. One of the reasons for the success was this staff works so hard to make things happen in such a professional manner. So when you come in for a visit—stop one of the staff members and tell them "GREAT JOB"!

The masks are amazing and if you let this exhibit leave and you don't come to see it you will regret it. These masks are like NOTHING you have ever seen before. Each one "tells" a story. Each day I try to examine a mask and read about it and imagine the "life" it must have led. I wonder about the country it is from and how they would have used

the mask. It is a part of history that isn't explored a great deal.

Also, we "forced" Jessi Cherry into doing this one last newsletter before she leaves for Alaska. She will be working in the entertainment part of a resort for the summer and in the fall will attend the University of Anchorage. She is going to be missed (and for more than just the reason that she writes a GREAT newsletter).

It is **Budget** time here at the Museum. It is that time of the year when we examine our budget for past years and make our budget requests from the county for next year. We have lots of things on our "wish list". It is always interesting to see how it will all turn out.

We are breaking ground on the

GAZEBO on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. The Hoover Family has made the monetary donation to raise the gazebo in grand style. We hope this will become a wonderful meeting place for many of our citizens. Please come to the ground breaking and help us celebrate!

I encourage you during this time of the rise of the price of gasoline to visit your local museum! You can easily spend a day or two here, looking, and learning and having a great time. With the ArTrain, Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament, BHS Alumni Reunion, "Spirit of the Mask", our Rec Center, downtown shopping, The Music Box, etc. there is so much to do right in our own backyards that there is no need for long distance travel. Be a part of a Coffey County History!

## BHS Alumni Reunion to be held at Museum

Coming soon, catered by Backyard Barbeque is the Burlington High School's Alumni reunion for the Classes of 1955 and 1956. The event will be held at the Coffey County Museum during June 19. For more information call Marvin

Withers.



If you are planning to attend the reunion please come by the Alumni room which is part of the Asbury Gallery.

The display has been revamped. The room now has many different kinds

High School letters from Burlington and Strawn High School. It also has a few banners to show school spirit. A 1941 letterman sweater is also featured in the Alumni Room.

We encourage everyone to come to visit our renewed display.

**BHS Alumni Reunion**  
**held June 19, 2004.**  
**From 10:00 a.m.-2:00**  
**p.m.**

## Sheriff's Department Generously Donates

During the month of May the Coffey County Sheriff's Department has been donating many wonderful items.

They have donated a Tommy Gun which is currently on display in the Asbury Gallery.

Another couple of items they have donated are an old policeman's belt with accessories.

Also, they have given a straight jacket with cuffs that cannot be used any longer (it is considered cruel).

One other contribution that the department made was a full policeman's uniform along with badges and clip on tie. Also donated, is a jailer's uniform.

Along with a Lake Attendant Shirt.



The freshly donated items will soon become a new Sheriff's Department display. Please keep watching for the display that should be in the works soon.

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## News from the Curator by Shirley Gorge

In October of 2004, the Coffey County Historical Museum will house the exhibit "Lewis and Clark: Gifts of the Mandan." The exhibit will contain more than thirty reproductions of pieces collected by Lewis and Clark that were acquired on their journeys and sent back to President Jefferson, such as, a buffalo robe, a split horn war bonnet, porcupine tail hair brush, and Plains Indian Toys.

Larry Belitz, the creator of the reproductions, has put together a



wonderful exhibit that is geared towards the education of school aged children, as well as for adults. Not only will this exhibit showcase thirty wonderful reproductive artifacts, we will also receive from Mr. Belitz an already prepared true/ false, multiple choice, word-finds and discussion questions that will then be able to pass along to various tours.

Mr. Belitz had been a principal in Iowa, Illinois and South Dakota, and for several summers taught Indian Studies at the University of

South Dakota for Lakota educators. He also leads seminars on Native American crafts from the early to mid-1800s. He has also been an Indian Technical Advisor on many major films including "Dances with Wolves" and "Return to Lonesome Dove."

This exhibit will run for an eight week duration, coming to a close at the end of November, 2004. Please stop in and visit us, or call in advance for a guided/ non-guided tour.

## Recently Purchased Bricks

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|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| United States<br>Air Force  | United States<br>Army | United States<br>Navy          | United States<br>Marines  | Local Draft<br>Board #13 |
| United States<br>Coast Guard  | VFW<br>Post 1030      | All Gave Some<br>Some Gave All | Burlington<br>Kansas  | World War I<br>KIA       |
| World War II<br>KIA   | Vietnam<br>MIA        | Joe Conrad Jr<br>Class of 1970 | Joe Conrad Sr<br>Conrad Store   | Herbert &<br>Jody Hood   |
|  |                       | In Memory of<br>Lee Alvis      |  |                          |