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Let It Snow...

Snow, ice, and more snow...seems like it will never end. The snow always looks pretty coming down, however it also creates a lot of work and eventually problems. Seems like every time the snow is cleared off the roads and sidewalks and warm weather is coming again, we get hit with more snow and ice. Here at the museum, we

have been busy removing the snow and cleaning up the mess it makes when it is tracked in from outside. Sadly, according to the groundhog, we have six more weeks of winter! At the museum, the gutter, downspout, and snow guard on the east side of the building fell victim of the excessive weight, melting, and the refreezing of the snow and ice. It caused the gutter and downspout to



be pulled away from the roof and the building. The damage was quickly replaced and repaired. On the bright side, there was no damage or leaking inside of the building. Hopefully we can make it through the rest of the winter weather without further damage. If we are lucky, spring will come sooner than the groundhog predicted!

Letter From Director

Anyone ready for winter to be gone? I sure am! We are still recovering from the Chili Feed/ Auction and celebrating Kansas' birthday! Winter time is a great

time to clean indoors and accession items. We are always busy. However, we are never too busy to have company. Come see us!

Deborah Stinson Kennamore
Executive Director

Step Into The Past...

We are still selling gazebo bricks. There are only 500 bricks that can be personalized and we have already sold over half of them. The personalized bricks form a walkway encircling the gazebo. Dedication bricks are a wonderful way to

recognize, memorialize or honor a loved one while providing support for the Museum. The bricks can be engraved with two lines of 13 characters each. Bricks sell for \$40 each and can be purchased at the Museum gift shop or by mailing the

form (below) to the Museum. We still have room for your name! So, hurry in and make sure your name is engraved in history! Newest gazebo brick purchased since November 2009: Gene & Barb Merry.



Step Into The Past...

Step into Coffey County History!

Personalized bricks are only \$40. All proceeds will fund the upkeep of the gazebo located at the Museum.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

***Please make check or money orders payable to:
Coffey County Historical Museum

Each brick may have 2 lines of print with 13 spaces each.

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Have You Renewed Your Membership?

It is that time of the year again to renew your membership to the Coffey County Historical Society & Museum. Membership in the Historical Society is a wonderful way to be a part of and showing support in your community. Annual membership is \$5.00 per person per year. You will receive a quarterly newsletter and invitations to all upcoming grand openings. **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP** is our best value; with a donation of \$100 or more you no longer have to pay the \$5 annual dues. As a lifetime member your name will be put on a

plaque at the entrance of the museum. A lifetime membership also qualifies you for the quarterly newsletter and invitations to all upcoming grand openings.

Please take a minute to fill out and mail back the membership form below and return to the museum with your payment. If you prefer, come by the museum to update your membership, we would love to see you!

We are open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday—Friday and

1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. We must receive your payment by September 19, 2009 in order for you to be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting or by mail in ballot.

If you would like to check on the status of your membership, please contact Deborah or Erin at 364-2653 or toll free 1-888-877-2653 or by email at:
director@coffeycountymuseum.org

erin@coffeycountymuseum.org

Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number(_____) _____

Email address _____

Birthday _____ / _____ / _____ Anniversary _____ / _____ / _____

Type of membership (please circle one):

Individual (\$5.00 annual), **Lifetime** (\$100.00 one time fee)

Name(s) as you would like it to appear on membership: _____

*Please mail completed form and check or money order to:

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If you have any questions or would like to know the status of your current membership, please call Deborah or Erin at 364-2653 or toll free at 1-888-877-2653 or email Deborah at director@coffeycountymuseum.org.

Lifetime Members

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Allen, Linda K.	Dunlap, Judith	Hoover, Lisa
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Banks, Peggy	Evans, Dean	Hoyt, Kent
Beaty, W. Jean	Evans, George	Hoyt, Lori
Bedwell, L.F.	Evans, Sue	Hull, Kelly J.
Birk, Julia Mae	Evans, Terry L.	Hull, Sheldon L.
Bohrer, Paul	Ferrara, Melchoir A.	Johnson, Cloyce E.
Brecheisen, Betty	Finkbiner, Patricia	Johnson, Diane S.
Bruce, Nellie	Finkbiner, Terry	Johnson, Jerry D.
Bruce, Robert Lyle	Fitch, Duane	Johnson, John E.
Clapp, Grace (Sauder)	Freeman, Bill	Johnson, Loren E.
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	Hess, Wayne	Luke, Linda Sue
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Lifetime Members (cont.)

Luke, Robert Standley, Jr	Raynesford, Carolyn C.	Trimble, Randy
Martindale, Paul	Redding, Bud	Trostle, Jerilee
Matney, Linda J.	Redding, Carol	Trostle, Kerry
Mattox, Martha	Reimer, Paul	Ubert, Ann
McAlister, V.S.	Reisbig, Clara L.	Ubert, Gary
McConnell, John	Salava, Dan	Veteto, Mona
McReynolds, Richard L.	Salava, Linda J.	Vannocker, Rebecca Louise
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Meader, Peggy	Salisbury, Florence Conrad	Wildman, Kay
Merry, Barbara	Sanborn, Patty A	Wilkinson, Al
Merry, Gene	Sauder, Ray	Wilkinson, Opal
Montgomery, Dean R	Schick, Donald L.	Williams, James E., Jr.
Muench, Cheryl	Schick, Ruth	Williams, Kathlee (Asper)
Muench, Rick	Schultz, Achsah Carter	Williamson, Arthur W.
Neil, Eunice Johnson	Sleezer, Johnnie R.	Willaimson, Bernice
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Payne, Janet	Smith, Ivan	Wilson, Warren D.
Ponder, Mary Lou	Smith, Marjorie J.	Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation
Ponder, Randy	Spade, Sharon	Wolken, Deanna
Purvis, Lois Jean	Spatz, Caroline B.	Woods, Chloe
Raaf, Clarence	Spatz, Robert J.	Woods, Frank
Raaf, Esther	Spriggs, Judy	Worrell, Dallas G.
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Raaf, Richard	Trimble, Joyce	

*** new members are bolded**

Chili Feed 2010

Chili Feed was a big success this year thanks to all of those who fought the snow to volunteer their time and to those who stopped by. We had over 50 volunteers who donated their time for the event. This event would not have been possible if it wasn't for our awesome hard working volunteers! We would like to thank them again for coming out and helping.

We did things a little different this year changing our menu from Ham and Beans to Chili and changed from volunteers donating pies to baking cobblers at the museum.

Our staff did all of the cooking of the chili and Sherri Volland, who volunteered her time baking the cornbread and cobbler. We owe a big thank you to them and to those who donated ingredients and supplies for the Chili feed.

We also had a quilt raffle and a Silent Auction during the Chili Feed. Jon Hotaling was the winner of the quilt raffle. The quilt commemorated the 125th Coffey County Fair and was donated to the museum to be raffled off with the proceeds going into the Museum's Endowment Fund. We also had

over one hundred items that were donated to the Museum for the sole purpose of the silent auction. There was a big turn out at the silent auction and most of the items were sold.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Chili Feed this year. Remember to mark the last Saturday in January on your calendar next year for the Chili Feed. This is the Museum's only fundraiser. We are unsure of what the event will include, but we are thinking about adding Frito pies to the menu. Happy Birthday to Kansas!



Left: Train volunteers, Roger Douglass and Sam Somerhalder discuss train information.

Bottom left: Volunteers, Jon Hotaling, Sherri Volland, and Gene Merry, talk about the Chili Feed.

Bottom Right: People from the community enjoying the Chili Feed.

Right: Volunteer, Pete Kennamore, poses for a picture during the Silent Auction.





Top Left: Quilt Raffle winner, Jon Hotaling, shows off his prize. This quilt commemorated the 125th Coffey County Fair.

Top Right: Celebrity Servers, Angie Kirchner, Mark Petterson, and Lisa Garrett, serve the hungry crowd.



Left: A few people look at the items at the Silent Auction. There were over one hundred items donated for the Silent Auction.

Bottom Left: Celebrities Gwen Birk and James Higgins wait to assist customers while Forrest and Judy Rhodes pay Celebrity Servers, Becky Reeves and Nancy Raymer, for their food. Forrest was one of our Celebrity Servers. Also pictured are Brenda and Jake Cherry who also spent their time as Celebrity Servers.

Bottom Right: Merle Smith plays his mandolin for the people enjoying the food.



Duane's House & His Treasures

Our staff has been working hard on going through the contents of Duane Fitch's home. As you can see from our before pictures on the next page, this is a huge task! While going through each room, we have found another room that we thought was a closet. Like the other rooms, this room was filled wall to wall with mystery boxes. We are about 3/4 of the way through his house and hope to be done by the end of spring/beginning of summer!

There have been many treasurers found in his house and some of them are already on display in the museum. Some of the treasurers found are old toys ranging from the early to mid 1900's, comic books, glass soda bottles, stamps, musical instruments, jewelry, and depression glass.

Most of the old toys and comic books found in his house are in excellent condition. Right now, the comic books are on display in the Flint Hills Gallery, but only for a limited time due to the age and the effects that light has on artifacts. Since we have found so many toys, only a few are on display in the New Donations Display. We encourage everyone to stop in and look at these items from his boyhood.

One interesting find, was Madelyn's 1936 Burlington High School class ring. This is the only Burlington High School ring that

the museum has, so we are very excited to have it. For those who didn't know her, Madelyn was Duane's sister. She spent her entire life in Burlington. Madelyn



Left: Madelyn Fitch's senior photo.

was born on April 3, 1919, and died on August 10, 1995. She

graduated with honors from Burlington High School in 1936. Madelyn worked for two County Superintendents, and then hired as Deputy County Treasurer in 1949 and worked there until her death.

The depression glass that we have found from Duane's house can be found in the New Donations Display or in the 1950's Kitchen Display. Depression glass has been highly collectible since the 1960's, but not everyone knows the history of the glass. Depression glass is glassware that was distributed free or at low cost in the United States during the mid-

1920's to the early 1940's. The cost of a piece of this glass could be found as low as a loaf of bread. As an incentive to purchase a product, manufacturers would put a piece of the depression glass in boxes of their product. One could find a piece in the oatmeal box and then find another in their laundry detergent box. Businesses would hand out the glassware for simply coming in

Above: 10 kart gold Burlington High School class ring made by Jostens.

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Above: Green Depression Glass. Block Optic pattern made by Hocking Glass Company between 1929 and 1933. On display in the 1950's Kitchen Display in the Cochran Gallery.

the door or purchasing a certain amount.

The depression glass was mass-produced molded glassware that was of poor quality and often showed many flaws, yet it came in a range of colors and patterns to suit every taste. The most popular colors are pink, iridescent, cobalt blue, amber, and green. Most depression glass was made in the central and mid-west United States. There were more than twenty manufacturers that made more than one hundred patterns. Some of the popular makers of the depression glass were Fenton Glass, Westmoreland Glass, Federal Glass, and Hocking Glass Company.



Above: Clear Depression Glass. Raindrops pattern made by Federal glass company between 1929-1933. On display in New Donations Display.

Before...

After...



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Calendar of Events

March:

- 11– Board Meeting
- 14– Daylight Saving Time
- 17– St. Patrick's Day
- 20– Spring begins

April:

- 2– Museum Closed– Good Friday
- 4– Easter
- 8– Board Meeting

May:

- 9– Mother's Day
(remember to buy a cookbook!)
- 13– Board Meeting
- 31– Museum Closed– Memorial Day

June:

- 10– Board Meeting
- 20– Father's Day
- 21– Summer begins

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