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## Chili Feed/Silent Auction

For the first time in many years, the weather on the Chili Feed was a decent 63 degrees outside making Kansas' 150th Birthday a wonderful atmosphere. The Chili Feed/Silent Auction was a bigger success than last year thanks to the volunteers who served, businesses and people that donated, and the people who attended the event. The Silent Auction alone made a profit of over \$1,000! Thank you to all who contributed. There were over 250 people who attended the big event with 36 people who volunteered a hour or more of their time to work the event.

Added to our menu this year was the Frito Pie. We also brought back the donated homemade pies. Other items served were chili, chili dogs, hot dogs, chips, and birthday cake. Our board members, Carol Sunseri and Sheri Volland, volunteered their time to

cook the chili. We also had several people and businesses donate ingredients and money for the purpose of the Chili Feed. We owe a big thank you to all of them. Please see the next page for the list of donors.

The Silent Auction was held during the Chili Feed. The auction was so much larger than last year that we had to use the Genealogy Library and the Flint Hills Gallery to display all of the items that were donated by the wonderful businesses and people. From coins to sports memorabilia, impact driver to table cloths, food products to gift certificates, the Silent Auction had it all. Thanks again to all that donated items (donors are listed on next page.)

To celebrate Kansas' 150th Birthday, every 15th customer in the Chili Feed,

received one of our *History, Heritage and Home Cooking* cookbooks. The children that attended the event received a Kansas coloring book made by the museum, Happy Birthday Kansas pencil, and a package of crayons. There was also two birthday cakes that were donated.



Thank you to everyone who was involved with this event and to everyone who attended. Because of the generous people and businesses, this event was a big success! Remember to mark your calendar for the last Saturday in January for the Chili Feed next year! This is the Museum's only fundraiser!



The parking lot and streets were full of visitors for the event!

## List of Donors for the Chili Feed/Silent Auction

Without the generosity of these kind businesses and people, we would have not been able to hold this event. We would like to thank each and everyone on this list. Please contact Erin at [erin@coffeymuseum.org](mailto:erin@coffeymuseum.org) if you are interested in donating next year.

### Chili Feed

Arrowhead Hills Travel Service, Charloma Inc., Cindy Joy, Coffey County Honda, Hoover's Thriftway, Jon Hotaling, Mark Raaf, Sarah Harbaugh, State Farm Insurance, and TrustPoint Services Inc.

### Pies

Gwen Birk, Phyllis Dorcas, Polly Epting (cake), Phil Fromme, Tammi Hanson and BHS students, Becky Jewett, Tonya McClafin, Retha Sleezer, Carol Sunseri, Doris Van Arsdale, Lila Zscheile, Mona Veteto, and Sheri

Volland.

### Silent Auction

Alan Barrett & the Shriners, Allegre Drug, American Family Insurance, Angela Myers, Annette Knight, Arnold's Greenhouse, Birk Oil, Burlington Auto Supply, Burlington Building Materials, USD 244 Recreation Center, Caldwell Implement & Napa, Casey's (Burlington), Chrisman Hardware, Central National Bank, Citizen State Bank, City of New Strawn, Coffey County Airport, Coffey County Economic Development, Coffey County Honda, Coffey County Hospital, Coffey County Sheriff Department, Coffey County Republican, Connie Oliver, Dr. Larry C. Hargreaves, LeRoy Co-Op, Luther's JerkyUSA, First National Bank of Kansas, Freeman Heating and

Plumbing, Gridley Lumber Company, Gunlock & Gleue Designs, Hoover's Thriftway, Jenifer Trimble, Jim Stukey, Kansas City Zoo, Karen Reeves, Konza Media Group Inc, Lewis Oil, Lasting Impressions, Lonnie & LaVerne Lendo, Misty Marchant, Medicine Shoppe, Murray's Electric, Oriental Trading Company Inc., Patti Barrett, Pete & Deborah Kennamore, Polly Epting, Prairie Winds Golf Course, Quick Lane, Richard Croll, Rick Smith DDS, Sheri's Catering & Consultant Service, Silver Threads & Golden Needles, South 75 Lanes, Stacy & Tyrel Reed, Star Video, Sticks & Weeds n' Wallpaper Things, Strawders & Daughters, Studio Blonde, Susan Croll, True Enterprise, Tony McClafin, Vernon Hess Advanced Plumbing, Waverly Lumber, and Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation

## Volunteers

Behind every great event is great volunteers! These people took a hour or more out of their day to help us with our big event! Whether it was serving, taking money, helping, or entertaining, these people are greatly appreciated! We hope they come back next year to help! If you are interested in helping next year, please contact Erin at [erin@coffeymuseum.org](mailto:erin@coffeymuseum.org). Here are the wonderful volunteers: Jennifer Anderson, Patti Barrett, Roger Douglass, Maureen Eggleston, Gary Epting, Polly Epting, Chris Faimon, George Finical, Calvin Freeman, Diane Freeman, Phil Fromme, Dennis George, Jon Hotaling, Becky Jewett, Pete Kennamore, Brenda Klubek, Jennifer Landis, Eric Logan, Stan Luke,

Tony McClafin, Tonya, McClafin, Gene Merry, Della Meyer, Bruce Murray, Mark Petterson, Becky Reeves, Karen Reeves, Bob Saueressig, Johnnie Sleezer, Retha Sleezer, Alan Smith, Merle Smith, Russell Smith, Sam Somerhalder, Carol Sunseri, Matt Sunseri, and Sheri Volland.

Top Right: Volunteers, Mark Petterson, Johnnie Sleezer, Bruce Murray, and Gary Epting, are ready to serve the public.

Right: George Finical, Carol Sunseri, and Matt Sunseri are working behind scenes making sure more pies are ready to go out to be served. About 30 pies were donated for the Chili Feed.



# Chili Feed Photos



Top Left: Two women make their bids during the Silent Auction.

Top Right: A man and his grandson check out the train sets while volunteers, Sam Somerhalder and Roger Douglas, run the train set.

Middle: The Pioneer Gallery was filled with people for the Chili Feed. A total of over 250 people attended the event.

Bottom Left: Merle Smith and Alan Smith provided musical entertainment during the Chili Feed.

Bottom Right: Tony McClafin sells some cookbooks to customers at the Gift Shop.

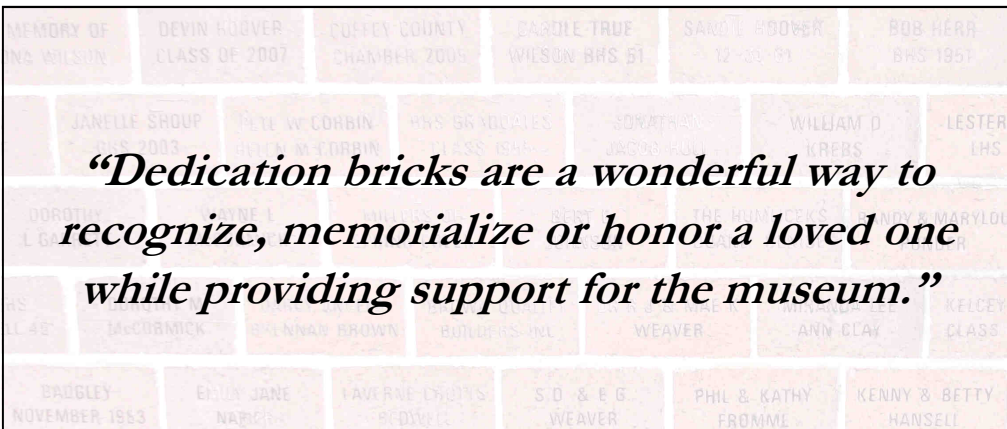


# Have you bought a Brick?

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! We have not sold any bricks since the last newsletter. The proceeds of the bricks go towards the upkeep of the gazebo. \*Please visit our website for the full list of Gazebo Brick names. [www.coffeymuseum.org](http://www.coffeymuseum.org)



**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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[director@coffeycountymuseum.org](mailto:director@coffeycountymuseum.org)

# Have you renewed your membership for 2011?

It is that time of year again! Don't forget to renew your membership for 2011! All those who are at least six months behind will be removed from our membership! We would like to thank all current members for their continued support of the museum. Their membership dollars help fund the museum and its various projects. Please renew your membership soon so you don't miss out on the benefits of your membership. Annual membership is \$5.00 per person per year. Members will receive a quarterly newsletter,

invitations to all upcoming grand openings, and a vote during election time of the board members during the annual meeting.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP is our best value; with a donation of \$100 or more per person you no longer have to pay the \$5 annual dues. As a lifetime member your name will be engraved on a plaque at the entrance of the museum and you will receive a Lifetime Membership Certificate. A lifetime membership also qualifies you for the quarterly newsletter, invitations to all

upcoming grand openings, and a vote during election time at the annual meeting. Past Due Memberships must be current before the Annual Meeting, September 27, 2010, in order to be eligible to vote! Please take a minute to fill out the membership below and return to the museum with your payment. If you would like to check on the status of your membership, please contact Erin at (620) 364-2653 or toll free (888) 877-2653 or by email at: [erin@coffeymuseum.org](mailto:erin@coffeymuseum.org).

## Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your newsletter emailed to you? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to be a volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Anniversary: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership (please circle one):

Individual (\$5.00 annual per person)      Lifetime (\$100.00 one time fee per person)

Name as you would like it to appear on membership: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Coffey County Historical Museum  
1101 Neosho Street  
Burlington, KS 66839**

## Lifetime Members

Ackerman, Gayla Lonene	Cordell, Larry	Hess, Wayne
Adkins, Joan	Cox, Juanita	Hood, Betty Jo
Allegre, Peter	Croll, Susan	Hood, Herbert
<b>Allen, Dan</b>	Curtiss, Larry M.	Hoover's Thriftway
Allen, Linda K.	DeLong, Roy G.	Hoover, Carlita
Anliker, Tyler	Dunlap, Dr. James	Hoover, Lisa
Atherly, Mary Lou DeLong	Dunlap, Judith	Hoover, Ned
Atkin, John D. M.D.	Edelman, Albert L.	Hoover, Ron
Atkin, Patricia	Epting, Gary	Hoyt, Kent
Banks, Peggy	Epting, Polly	Hoyt, Lori
Beaty, W. Jean	Evans, Dean	Hull, Kelly J.
Bedwell, L.F.	Evans, George	Hull, Sheldon L.
Birk, Julia Mae	Evans, Sue	Johnson, Cloyce E.
Bohrer, Paul	Evans, Terry L.	Johnson, Diane S.
Brecheisen, Betty	Ferrara, Melchoir A.	Johnson, Jerry D.
Bruce, Nellie	Finkbiner, Patricia	Johnson, John E.
Bruce, Robert Lyle	Finkbiner, Terry	Johnson, Loren E.
Central National Bank	Fitch, Duane	Jones, Don
Citizens State Bank	Freeman, Bill	Jones, Carol
City of Burlington	Freeman, Calvin Dean	Jones, Fred S.
City of Lebo	Freeman, Diane	Jones, Glenda
Clapp, Grace (Sauder)	Freeman, Elva	Irey, Diana L.
Clark, Joanna	Freeman, Joan	Irey, Ronald W.
Clark, Larry	Fulk, Doris L.	Kaufman, Helen Garn
Cochran, Dorothy	Garrett, Emily	<b>Keas, Sandy K.</b>
Cockrell, Gilan	<b>Garrett, Lisa I.</b>	Kennamore, Deborah
Coffey County Council for the Arts	Garrett, Millie	Kennamore, William "Pete"
Coffey County Honda	Geery, Barbara	Klubek, Brenda Grace
Coffey County Hospital	<b>George, Dennis</b>	Knapp, Bill
Coffey County Land Title Co. Inc	Griffin, Lena	Kniss, Clarence
Coffey County Library	Hatch, Bonnie	Kniss, Donna
Coldsmith, Don	Hatch, Homer	Kunkel, Connie
Coldsmith, Edna	Hayes, Edris Irwin	Kunkel, David
Conrad, Mary E.	Herr, Bob	Kunkel, Opal I.

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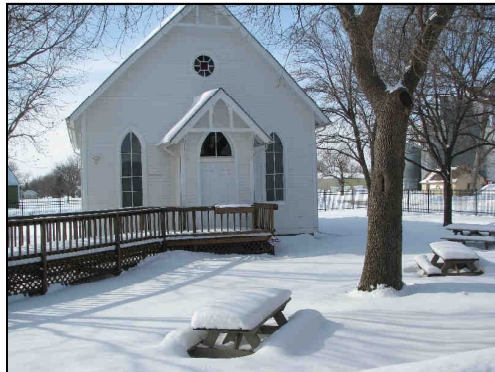
Lifecare Center of Burlington	Raaf, James L.	Trimble, Chuck
Little, Charles F.	Raaf, JoAnn	Trimble, Jenifer
Lowman, Nadine	Raaf, Mark	Trimble, Joyce
Luke, Linda Sue	Raaf, Ralph	Trimble, Randy
Luke, Lola Mae	Raaf, Richard	Trostle, Jerilee
Luke, Robert Standley, Jr	Raynesford, Carolyn C.	Trostle, Kerry
Martindale, Paul	Redding, Bud	TrustPoint Services
Matney, Linda J.	Redding, Carol	Ubert, Ann
Mattox, Martha	Reeves, Glen W.	Ubert, Gary
McAlister, V.S.	Reeves, Karen K.	Vannocker, Rebecca Louise
McConnell, John	Reimer, Paul	Veteto, Mona
McReynolds, Richard L.	Reisbig, Clara L.	Watson, Irene
Meador, Craig	Salava, Dan	Wildman, Kay
Meador, Peggy	Salava, Linda J.	Wilkinson, Al
Merry, Barbara	Salava, Tammy	Wilkinson, Opal
Merry, Gene	Salisbury, Florence Conrad	Williams, James E., Jr.
Montgomery, Dean R	Sanborn, Patty A	Williams, Kathleen (Asper)
Morey, George	Sauder, Ray	Williamson, Arthur W.
Muench, Cheryl	Schick, Donald L.	Williamson, Bernice
Muench, Rick	Schick, Ruth	Williamson, Mitch
Neil, Eunice Johnson	Schultz, Achsah Carter	Wilson, Ida M.
Norris, David	Sleezer, Johnnie R.	Wilson, Warren D.
Norris, Kasu Stinson	Sleezer, Retha I.	Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation
Park, William H.	Smith, Darlene	Wolken, Deanna
Parnay, Arlene Carpenter	Smith, Ivan	Woods, Chloe
Payne, Janet	Smith, Marjorie J.	Woods, Frank
Ponder, Mary Lou	Spade, Sharon	Worrell, Dallas G.
Ponder, Randy	Spatz, Caroline B.	Zscheile, Lila L.
Purvis, Lois Jean	Spatz, Robert J.	
Raaf, Clarence	Spriggs, Judy	
Raaf, Esther	Stine, Phyllis A.	<b>*new members are bolded</b>
Raaf, Fred A.	Stukey, Arthur	198 Total Lifetime Members; 3 new
Raaf, Gary	Stukey, Kent	Lifetime Members this year.
Raaf, Harvey G.	Sunseri, Carol	

# Snow

February is a month people start thinking about spring and flowers, but for Coffey County residents, February has been the month of snow. February 1st had Coffey County in blizzard warnings. The storm dumped more than nine inches in the area and strong winds caused major snow drifts. The museum had a large snow drift at the front door that was about two feet tall from this storm! The staff spent the

day clearing the sidewalks from the snow. With that weekend in the 40's, the rest of the month looked to be nicer weather, or so we thought. February 8, exactly a week later, brought another winter storm! The staff measured nine inches by four in the afternoon. The snow continued until the next day. Coffey County received 12 to 20 inches of snow. News reporters came to Burlington

and did a segment on the town and the snow. They reported that 16 inches of snow fell on the town. We measured more than 16 inches at the museum. Once again, the staff got back outside and removed the snow. Hopefully the snow is done for the rest of the year! Below are photos of the snow storm and its aftermath. For more photos, look at our Facebook page.





## Traveling Exhibit: The Atomic Age

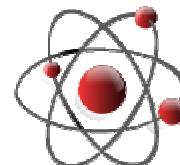
The Coffey County Museum is receiving a traveling exhibit called “The Atomic Age: The Discovery & Evolution of Nuclear Science.” The museum is planning on having the exhibit mid-April to the first part of June.

The atomic age began with a handful of scientist investigating radioactivity decades before the first atomic bomb exploded at the Trinity Test Site, New Mexico on July 16, 1945. The exhibit

describes the earliest discoveries by pioneering physicists, highlights the work of the scientists associated with the Manhattan Project, explores President Dwight D. Eisenhower’s Atoms for Peace initiative to promote civilians uses of nuclear science, and examines the direct influence and impact of these events on modern Peaceful applications of nuclear science in energy and medicine.

For updates about this exhibit, please

check out our website [www.coffeymuseum.org](http://www.coffeymuseum.org), our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/coffeymuseum](http://www.facebook.com/coffeymuseum), or call us Toll Free at (888) 877-2653.



## New ways to keep in touch

With all the new technology that is out and all that it offers, the museum has new ways to keep in touch.

For the internet savvy people, we have many ways to stay in touch. The museum has jumped on the world wide web and has a website [www.coffeymuseum.org](http://www.coffeymuseum.org). At the website, you will discover the newsletter (past to present), Artifact of the Month, Engraved Brick Names, Lifetime Members, Upcoming Events, and Past Exhibits.

Facebook has gained popularity on the internet. The museum has created a page on Facebook that it updated frequently. Visitors are able to leave comments on the wall or join in discussions. The page features our photos, building information, and contact information. Find our page at [www.facebook.com/coffeymuseum](http://www.facebook.com/coffeymuseum)

Electronic mail (email) is a great way to communicate with the museum director and staff. Here is the list of email addresses: Executive Director Deborah Kennamore [director@coffeymuseum.org](mailto:director@coffeymuseum.org);

Curator Shirley Logan for tours and artifact questions [shirley@coffeymuseum.org](mailto:shirley@coffeymuseum.org); Office Assistant Erin for membership information and genealogy [erin@coffeymuseum.org](mailto:erin@coffeymuseum.org).

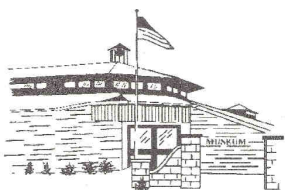
For anyone without access to the internet, there is always the old fashion way to get a hold of us, the mail or by phone. For Burlington and New

Strawn residents (620) 364-2653 and for Toll Free (888) 877-2653. We have a new phone system setup. We will occasionally change the greeting to notify callers if we have closed for a special reason such as weather. So please make sure you call before you come. Our mailing address for the snail mail is 1101 Neosho Street Burlington, Kansas 66839.

The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for the Coffey County Historical Society & Museum. The page includes a cover photo of a building in winter, a navigation menu with 'Wall', 'Info', 'Photos', and 'Discussions', and a 'Basic Information' section. The location is 1101 Neosho Street, Burlington, KS, 66839. Hours are listed as Mon-Fri: 9:00 am-4:00 pm and Sat-Sun: 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. The description states: 'History of Coffey County and the People. The Coffey County Historical Society and Museum exhibits the history of Coffey County and the communities, businesses, and people that accompany it. On our grounds is the museum, the Rural Dale (one room school house which was built in 1896, and the Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church which was built in July of 1895. Both have been restored and are in very good condition. We also, offer a Genealogy library and accept genealogical requests.' Contact information includes a price range of \$ (0-10), parking at a parking lot, email at [director@coffeymuseum.org](mailto:director@coffeymuseum.org), phone at (620) 364-2653 or toll free (888) 877-2653, and website at <http://www.coffeymuseum.org>. The page also shows 17 people like this and a 'Quick Tips' section encouraging users to like the page for more reach.

## Coffey County Historical Society & Museum

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## Calendar of Events

### March:

- 10– Board Meeting
- 13– Daylight Saving Time
- 17– St. Patrick's Day
- 20– Spring Begins

### April:

- 14– Board Meeting
- 22– **Museum Closed**– Good Friday
- 24– Easter
- Atomic Age Here**

### May:

- 8– Mother's Day
- 12– Board Meeting
- 30– **Museum Closed**– Memorial Day

### June:

- 9– Board Meeting
- 21– Summer Begins
- Atomic Age Leaves**

### July:

- 4– Independence Day
- 14– Board Meeting
- 27-31– Coffey County Fair

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## Are You Receiving This Newsletter for the First Time?

If you are getting this newsletter for the first time, it is a thank you for your donation of hours or item to the Chili Feed/Silent Auction. Because of kind generous people and businesses like you, this event was a huge success. The Silent Auction alone made a profit of over \$1,000! We would like you to know how much we appreciate your support by giving you a

courtesy 2011 membership to the Coffey County Historical Society & Museum. If you would like to become a member, please fill out the membership form on page 5 and return it to the museum with the membership due. Dues are only five dollars a year per person or a one time donation of one hundred dollars or more **per person or business**. If you have any

questions, please contact Erin by email [erin@coffeymuseum.org](mailto:erin@coffeymuseum.org) or by phone (888) 877-2653. Thank you again for your donations. Without your support, this wouldn't of been a success.

## Did You Receive a Membership Due Sticker on Your Newsletter?

If you received a membership due sticker on the front of your newsletter, it is time for you to renew your membership. Please save us valuable time and money and renew now before we send out reminder letters. Please fill out the form on page 5 (some of

the information has changed) and return to the museum with your membership dues. Membership dues are five dollars a year **per person** or a one time payment of one hundred dollars or more **per person**. If you received a sticker and believe your

membership is up to date or have any questions, please contact Erin at [erin@coffeymuseum.org](mailto:erin@coffeymuseum.org) or (888) 877-2653.

## We need Weekend Volunteers!

We are in great need of more weekend volunteers. The weekend volunteer only works 3 hours (1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) on Saturday or Sunday. Weekend volunteers do not have to work every weekend or every month. A weekend

volunteer greets visitors, answers the phone, and occasionally sell items from the gift shop. The Coffey County Jailers has been so kind to come unlock and lock the building for us so the volunteers do not have to be

concerned with the alarm or keys. If you are interested in being a weekend volunteer, please contact Erin at [erin@coffeymuseum.org](mailto:erin@coffeymuseum.org) or (888) 877-2653.