

Timelines



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The museum will be **CLOSED** on the weekends during the winter months due to our new viewing hours. Please see the back page for the viewing hours.

Board of Directors:

Carol Sunseri,
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Vice President, Lebo

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Secretary, Gridley

Brenda Klubek,
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Maureen Eggleston, LeRoy

Tom Allen, Burlington

Eileen Coker, At-large position

Museum Staff:

Museum Director:
Shirley Gorge-Logan

Administrative Assistant:
Erin Burdick

SCSEP Worker:
Carol Brown

Election Results

The annual Coffey County Historical Society election of Board of Directors was held by mail -in ballots this year due to it being an odd year. On the ballot was a proposed Constitution change and two Board of Directors positions (Burlington and At-Large). The museum

received 38 ballots out of the 268 ballots that were sent out in the mail in the August issue of the *Timelines*.

The proposed constitution change passed by a 33 to 4 vote. Tom Allen was elected to the Burlington position on the Board of Directors.

Eileen Coker was elected to the At-Large position. Both positions will served a three year term from 2013 to 2016. Allen and Coker officially started their positions on Thursday, October 10 during the regular monthly board of directors meeting.

Museum Wins Award

The Coffey County Historical Society & Museum was selected as Chamber Business of the Year after the Coffey County Chamber of Commerce conducted a business and community online survey. The chamber's executive director, Kelli Higgins, presented the museum director, Shirley Gorge-Logan, the award during

the chamber's membership dinner in September.

The plaque is currently on display above the water fountain in the Sunflower Gallery.



Save Paper!

After calculating the cost of ink, paper, and postage we used to mail out the newsletters, we spend about \$200 per newsletter every quarter. That is \$800 a year! We are encouraging members to choose to receive the

newsletter by email to help save on the cost on putting the newsletter out.

Besides the electronic newsletter helping save cost at the museum and better for the environment, you will also receive the newsletter

quicker. The photographs in the newsletter will be of better quality and in color in the electronic version.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please email Erin at erin@coffeymuseum.org.

Spiritual Dimensions

A crowd of 51 people came to the museum for “Spiritual Dimensions: Presentation with Readings by Traci Bray, Psychic Medium” on November 5. Visitors had an opportunity to view the exhibits at the museum before and after the presentation.

During the presentation, Traci discussed her work and life as a psychic medium and what led her to do what she is doing today. She talked about her first experience seeing someone that had passed. It wasn't until many years later that she did her first public reading. Her work

includes being a medium (connect the living and those who passed) and psychic (look into the present, past, or future). She also noted that she has also helped people with genealogy.

Traci also discussed what she experiences when she does readings and her beliefs on different topics. Those in attendance were also able to ask Traci questions about her work. Traci then gave a gallery-style reading to the audience.

Traci Bray, B.S., M.A., Medium is a level #3 Certified Research Medium with the Wind Bridge

Institute in Tucson, AZ, and is a Certified Medium with the Forever Family Foundation in Long Island, NY. In the presentation, Traci described what the two organizations were and some of the requirements of the organizations. For more information about Traci, her rate, or events where she will be appear, visit her website at www.tracibray.com.



Above: Museum Director, Shirley Gorge-Logan, introduces Traci Bray to the crowd.

Top left: Traci gives a reading to a couple of women in the audience. She had a group of those that passed come through for these two ladies in the audience. They were able to ask one that passed a question.

Left: Traci describes to a woman in the audience what she “sees” during the audience reading. A few in attendance got to experience the readings personally while the rest watched. Traci did note that individuals are responsible for their interpretation of the reading as well as how or if they incorporate it into their own life via thought, word, and deed.



Kansas Day 2014

The public is invited to celebrate Kansas' 153rd birthday and the museum building's 30th birthday during the museum's annual fundraiser, Kansas Day, which will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2014. The activities for this event include a Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Live Auction, and Pioneer Activities. There will be no lunch served like years past, but visitors are encouraged to purchase an item from the Bake Sale.

The Bake Sale will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The museum is seeking donations of baked goods for the Bake Sale. If you are interested in baking a baked good(s) for the fundraiser, please fill out the form below.

The Silent Auction and the Live Auction will take place in the Cochran Gallery at the museum. The bidding for the Silent Auction will start on Monday, January 20th and end at 1:30

on Saturday, January 25th. The Live Auction will start at 2 p.m. with auctioneer, Cameron Roth, in the Cochran Gallery. Winners of the auctions must pay and pick up the items on Saturday, January 25th, unless prior arrangements are made. Items so far donated to the fundraiser auction are Disney World Park Hopper Passes, autographed item from a Kansas City Chief's player, autographed item by KSU Coach Bill Snyder, autographed KU men's team basketball sponsored by Coffey County Land & Title, autographed items by KU Coach Bill Self, and Paula Dean cookware and dinnerware. Donations for the auctions are still coming in and will be updated on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/coffeymuseum. If you are interested in donating an item (s) to the auction, please fill out the form below and return it to the

museum.

Back by popular demand are the Pioneer Activities for the children! Children will be able to experience life as a pioneer child by making butter, yarn dolls, candles, and more! Even better, the Pioneer Activities are FREE but donations are greatly appreciated. The Pioneer Activities will take place in the Pioneer Gallery from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are searching for volunteers to work the activities and the other events throughout the day if interested, please fill out the form below or contact the museum. We are also in need of monetary donations to help purchase the supplies for the activities.

If you are interested in helping with the event by volunteering or donation to the auctions or bake sale, please fill out the form below and mail to the museum or email to erin@coffeymuseum.org.

Coffey County Museum– Kansas Day 2014 Volunteer/Donation Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Monetary Donation. Amount _____

Donation(s) for Auction: _____ Value of Item(s): _____

_____ Baked goods. What Kind: _____

Volunteer to help with Kansas Day. Time available: _____

Desired spot: _____

We wish to Thank You in advance. The continued success of the museum is because of patrons like you!
Auction donations are due January 13th and baked goods donations are due no later than 10:00 a.m. on January 25th!

Veterans Display

Just a reminder that we still have a Veterans Display in the Flint Hills Gallery at the museum. When you enter the gallery, there is a display case full of casket flags and grave markers. The other display cases that surround the middle of the room and the table in the middle of the room contain artifact from the wars and conflicts. The cases start with the Civil War and end with Dessert Storm. On the table in the middle of the room is a scrapbook from Operation Iraqi Freedom, WWII Veterans from Lebo, and a statue.

Hanging from the ceiling in the middle of the room are the military branches flags. On the carpet walls

above the display cases are photographs of Coffey County Veterans along with a little bit of information about the veteran. One section of the wall has the MIA/POW flag and with it, a photograph of Coffey County's MIA soldier, Henry Floyd Robinson.

The museum is still accepting photographs of Coffey County Veterans for our display. Here are the guidelines:

- ★ Include: name, rank, branch, dates/years served, what war/conflict, and any other information.
- ★ Send by email: must be scanned at least 300 dpi resolution. Email to erin@coffeymuseum.org
- ★ Photographs can be brought into the museum to be scanned (you will keep your original). Photographs can't be larger than 8x10.
- ★ Photographs can be an outright donation to the museum.
- ★ Coffey County Veteran is someone born in Coffey County or settled down in Coffey County.
- ★ Photo of Coffey County Veteran in military uniform or casuals.



Left: Coffey County Veteran Photographs are on display in the Flint Hills Gallery.

Bottom Left: Casket flag of George Van Arsdale is on display above his photograph. Eventually, we are planning to purchase shadow boxes for the rest of our casket flags and display them like the one pictured on the wall.

Bottom Right: Currently, the casket flags are on display in a display case as you enter the Flint Hills Gallery.



Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics Accepting WWII Kansas Veterans Photos

In October, the staff at the museum went to the Kansas Museum Association (KMA) Conference in Lawrence, Kansas. The first night they toured several museums in Douglas County. One was the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. Inside of the building is a wall covered with photographs of WWII Kansas Veterans. There is also a kiosk where visitors can view all of the WWII Kansas Veterans that have been submitted to the institute. They are still accepting photographs of WWII Kansas Veterans for viewing in the Institute's Memory kiosk. The guidelines for submitting photographs for the Dole Institute of Politics are:

- Photo of Kansas WWII veteran in military uniform or casual.
- Include: Veteran's name and Kansas town considered "home;" (other military information is not placed in kiosk...only name & photo).
- Provide your contact name, email

and/or mailing address.

- Let them know if veteran attended KU (KU association is not a requirement for inclusion in their photo collection.)
- Kansas WWII Veteran defined as— native born Kansans or a vet who settled in Kansas after WWII.
- Photos may be in digital form or any size, black and white or color, prints; please do not send frames.
- Digital photos may be sent via e-mail, preferably in jpeg format and as an attachment to the email. Email to: doleinstitute@ku.edu.
- If mailing photo, send to:
 - Dole Institute of Politics
 - University of Kansas
 - 2350 Petefish Drive
 - Lawrence, KS 66045
- Questions? Call the Institute: (785) 864-4900.



Above: Part of the display of the WWII Kansas Veterans at the institute. The Dole Institute of Politics are still accepting submissions of WWII Kansas Veterans for their kiosk located in the building.

Below: The Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics is located at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. The building opened in 2003.

Right: The building also contains a 29 foot tall stain glass American flag window. On display by the flag are two eleven and a half foot steel columns from the World Trade Center that were presented to Dole by the New York Mayor in thanks for Dole's work on the 9/11 Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund.



New Items in the Gift Shop

Remember to shop locally this holiday season! The museum gift shop has something for everyone on your Christmas list. New to the Gift Shop for 2013 includes books, candy, and other miscellaneous items.

New books to the museum gift shop include:

- ***Letters for Healing: The Therapeutic Power of Writing to a Lost Loved One*** by Von Kopfman. This is a book of letters written to lost loved ones. The book also includes the Songs for Healing cd. The cd includes 15 songs based upon the book.

- ***Shadow on the Hill: The True Story of a 1925 Kansas Murder*** by Diana Staresinic-Deane. It was the most brutal murder in the history of Coffey County, Kansas. On May 30, 1925, Florence Knoblock, a farmer's wife and the mother of a young boy, was found slaughtered on her kitchen floor. Several innocent men were taken into custody before the victim's husband, John, was accused of the crime. He would endure two sensational trials before being acquitted.

- ***Apron Strings and Family Ties*** by Ray Imhof & Doris M. Johnson. This

book is a follow up of "As I Remember It" which is also available at the gift shop. In the book "Apron Strings and Family Ties" Robert and Esther Imhof are faced with two difficult struggles right at the beginning of their marriage in 1933. These uphill forces were the Great Depression and the Dirty Thirties. These difficulties faced everyone in the Midwest, old and young alike. This book reveals how Robert and Esther met hardships head on with dignity, hard work, love for each other and family, perseverance, and courage. They share with you their joys and heartaches of marriage and raising a family from 1933-1996.

- ***The Cookie Crumb Trail*** by Doris Johnson. This is a children's book for ages 4-8. It follows the adventures of Larry and his duckling. Beautiful watercolor illustrations bring to life their adventure at the airport as they start a journey to visit grandma.

- ***Chacho*** by Doris Johnson. This unique children's book is sure to please every child young and old. The setting is deep in the forest. Chacho is a little boy who tries very hard to help and please his mother and

grandmother. In spite of his efforts, he isn't quite able to follow their instructions. In the end he solves his dilemma in a simple and obvious way. Chacho is proud to have solved his own problem. The surprise ending is sure to bring a smile to the reader. The book beautifully illustrated by Dani Otten, a budding young artist. Dani is a 9th grader at Abilene, Kansas High School.

- ***Kansas on Canvas*** by Louis Copt. This is a 5x5.5 softcover book with an introduction by Jim Hoy and 48 pages of paintings by Louis Copt.

- ***The Flint Hills*** by Mark Feiden and Jim Hoy. This 9x9.5 softcover book includes 64 pages with an essay by Jim Hoy and photographs by Mark Feiden.

Also in the gift shop are new keychains in the shape of a bear or a buffalo. These keychains have moveable arms and legs. New candy items have also been added to the gift shop. Another new addition are 2-D magnets that say "Burlington Kansas." Be sure to stop by and see what else the gift shop has to offer!

Church & School Fund Drive

Last issue of the *Timelines* we had a story and photographs of our Bethel Church and the Rural Dale School House foundation problems. Due to the extreme weather the last couple years, cracks inside the buildings are becoming more evident due to foundation problems. Some of the decorative rock on the foundation of the church are also becoming detached due to the shifting foundation. Cracks in the foundation of the schoolhouse are also becoming more noticeable.

After contacting several foundation companies, the museum concluded

that the buildings need lifted soon. It will cost around \$62,000 (worst case scenario) to get both the school and church raised. This includes removing and reinstalling the boardwalk so the companies can get their equipment in to lift the buildings. After this job is completed, the museum will need funds to repair the inside of the buildings.

On the next page, we have a donation form you can fill out and return to the museum for your donation to lift the church and school. Below the form is a donation

meter showing how much we have raised so far. We are starting to receive donations for the lift of the foundation for the church and school. We are sincerely thankful for those that have donated so far. Below is a list of the donors who have donated so far to the fund drive.

Donors:

Joyce Holderby

Kevin & Linda Graber

Cindy Eccles, In Memory of E. Lucille Woods Atherly

Bethel Church & Rural Dale School House Foundation Lift Donation Form

The Coffey County Museum is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Most donations can be tax deductible.
Please see your accountant for more information on tax deductions.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Alt. Number: (____) _____

Would you like named listed as a donor? _____

If yes, how would you like your name listed? _____

Amount of Donation: \$ _____

Type of Donation (circle one): Cash Check Money Order

A letter will be sent out as a receipt of the donation within a week of receiving the donation. If you have any questions, please call Erin at (620) 364-2653 or toll free at (888) 877-2653 or email erin@coffeymuseum.org.

Save the Bethel Church and the Rural Dale School House!



View fundraiser meters in the shape of the church and school to view the progress of raising the funds to lift the church and school. The church meter will get filled in first until we meet that goal and then the school house meter will fill up. We need \$35,200 to lift the church and \$29,350 to lift the school house. If we lift the two buildings together, then we receive a 5% discount making the total \$61,722.50. *Note: These figures are based on "worst case scenario," if we have to go down 45 feet with both buildings. If the total when the project is completed is less than the amount raised through donations, the leftover money will be used to repair the inside of the buildings.*

Lifetime Members

Ackerman, Gayla Lonene	Evans, Sue	Klubek, Brenda Grace	Reisbig, Clara L.
Adkins, Joan	Evans, Terry L.	Knapp, Bill	Robbins, Carol A.
Allegre, Peter	Ferrara, Melchoir A.	Kniss, Clarence	Salava, Dan
Allen, Dan	Finkbiner, Patricia	Kniss, Donna	Salava, Linda J.
Allen, Linda K.	Finkbiner, Terry	Krigbaum, Marilyn	Salava, Tammy
Anliker, Tyler	First National Bank of Kansas	Kunkel, Connie	Salisbury, Florence Conrad
Atherly, Mary Lou DeLong	Fitch, Duane	Kunkel, David	Sanborn, Patty A
Atkin, John D. M.D.	Freeman, Bill	Kunkel, Opal I.	Sauder, Ray
Atkin, Patricia	Freeman, Calvin Dean	Lifecare Center of Burlington	Schick, Donald L.
Banks, Peggy	Freeman, Diane	Little, Charles F.	Schick, Ruth
Beaty, W. Jean	Freeman, Elva	Lowman, Nadine	Schultz, Achsah Carter
Bedwell, L.F.	Freeman, Jeff	Luke, Linda Sue	Sleezer, Johnnie R.
Birk, Julia Mae	Freeman, Joan	Luke, Lola Mae	Sleezer, Retha I.
Bohrer, Paul	Fulk, Doris L.	Luke, Robert Standley, Jr	Smith, Darlene
Brecheisen, Betty	Garrett, Emily	Martindale, Paul	Smith, Ivan
Bruce, Nellie	Garrett, Lisa I.	Matney, Linda J.	Smith, Marjorie J.
Bruce, Robert Lyle	Garrett, Millie	Mattox, Martha	Spade, Sharon
Central National Bank	Geery, Barbara	McAlister, M.A.	Spatz, Caroline B.
Citizens State Bank	George, Dennis	McAlister, V.S.	Spatz, Robert J.
City of Burlington	Graber, Kevin	McConnell, John	Spriggs, Judy
City of Lebo	Graber, Linda	McReynolds, Richard L.	Stine, Phyllis A.
Clapp, Grace (Sauder)	Griffin, Lena	Meader, Craig	Stukey, Arthur
Clark, Joanna	Hatch, Bonnie	Meader, Peggy	Stukey, Kent
Clark, Larry	Hatch, Homer	Merry, Barbara	Sunseri, Carol
Cochran, Dorothy	Hayes, Edris Irwin	Merry, Gene	Trimble, Chuck
Cockrell, Gilan	Herr, Bob	Montgomery, Dean R	Trimble, Joyce
Coffey County Chamber of	Hess, Wayne	Morey, George	Trimble, Randy
Commerce & Visitors Center	Holderman, Jenifer	Muench, Cheryl	Trostle, Jerilee
Coffey County Council for	Holderman, Rich	Muench, Rick	Trostle, Kerry
the Arts	Hood, Betty Jo	Neil, Eunice Johnson	TrustPoint Services
Coffey County Honda	Hood, Herbert	Norris, David	Ubert, Ann
Coffey County Hospital	Hoover's Thriftway	Norris, Kasu Stinson	Ubert, Gary
Coffey County Land Title Co.	Hoover, Carlita	O'Leary, Margaret R.	Vannocker, Rebecca Louise
Inc	Hoover, Lisa	Park, William H.	Veteto, Mona
Coffey County Library	Hoover, Ned	Parnay, Arlene Carpenter	Watson, Irene
Coldsmith, Don	Hoover, Ron	Payne, Janet	Wildman, Kay
Coldsmith, Edna	Hoyt, Kent	Ponder, Mary Lou	Wilkinson, Al
Combes, Irene E.	Hoyt, Lori	Ponder, Randy	Wilkinson, Opal
Combes, Kenneth L.	Hull, Kelly J.	Purvis, Lois Jean	Williams, James E., Jr.
Conrad, Mary E.	Hull, Sheldon L.	Raaf, Clarence	Williams, Kathleen (Asper)
Cordell, Larry	Irey, Diana L.	Raaf, Esther	Williamson, Arthur W.
Cox, Juanita	Irey, Ronald W.	Raaf, Fred A.	Williamson, Bernice
Croll, Susan	Johnson, Cloyce E.	Raaf, Gary	Williamson, Mitch
Curtiss, Jerilyn	Johnson, Diane S.	Raaf, Harvey G.	Wilson, Ida M.
Curtiss, Larry M.	Johnson, Jerry D.	Raaf, James L.	Wilson, Warren D.
Danford, Charlene	Johnson, John E.	Raaf, JoAnn	Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating
DeLong, Roy G.	Johnson, Loren E.	Raaf, Mark	Corporation
Dunlap, Dr. James	Jones, Don	Raaf, Ralph	Wolken, Deanna
Dunlap, Judith	Jones, Carol	Raaf, Richard	Woods, Chloe
Edelman, Albert L.	Jones, Fred S.	Raynesford, Carolyn C.	Woods, Frank
Edelman, Victor	Jones, Glenda	Redding, Bud	Worrell, Dallas G.
Epting, Gary	Kaufman, Helen Garn	Redding, Carol	Zscheile, Lila L.
Epting, Polly	Keas, Sandy K.	Reeves, Glen W.	
Evans, Dean	Kennamore, Deborah	Reeves, Karen K.	
Evans, George	Kennamore, William "Pete"	Reimer, Paul	

*new members are bolded

214 Total Lifetime Members

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? _____

Please fill in your birthday ONLY if you wish to have it listed in our quarterly newsletters for our membership to see

Birthday: _____/_____/_____

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

Type of membership (please circle one):

- Individual (\$5.00 annual per person)
- Business (\$15.00 annual per business)
- Lifetime (\$100.00 one time fee per person)

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

Coffey County Museum
1101 Neosho Street
Burlington, KS 66839

If you have any questions or would like to know the status of your current membership, please call Erin at (620) 364-2653 or toll free at (888) 877-2653 or email erin@coffeymuseum.org.

Gazebo Bricks

Purchase a personalized brick that surrounds the Gazebo for \$40 each.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

***Please make checks or money orders payable to:

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

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Calendar of Events

November

11- Veterans' Day- Museum Closed
14- Board Meeting
28-29- Thanksgiving- Museum Closed

December

12- Board Meeting
24-25- Christmas- Museum Closed
31- New Year's Eve- Museum Closed

January

1- New Year's Day- Museum Closed
9- Board Meeting
13- Kansas Day Auction Donations Due
20- Kansas Day Silent Auction Biding Starts
25- Kansas Day- Annual Fundraiser

February

13- Board Meeting

NEW VIEWING HOURS:

Winter Hours: (mid-November to mid-February)

Monday- Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CLOSED on Weekends and Federal Holidays

Summer Hours: (mid-February to mid-November)

Monday- Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

Saturday & Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

CLOSED Holiday Weekends except Memorial Day & Labor Day

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