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HVAC Upgrade

The HVAC upgrade job has started. Modern Air out of Emporia has been busy replacing and upgrading the museum’s heating and cooling system. Much of the old system is from when the building was built in 1984 and a little later. The system had become a problem in recent years with the system shutting down. After much consideration, it was

decided to upgrade the system in order to protect the artifacts.

The suggested settings at a museum are 68°F degrees plus or minus 2°F with a relative humidity (RH) between 40% and 55% to help preserve the artifacts. For an example, if a paper has an expected useful life of 100 years at the settings of 68° and 50% RH, under the settings of 95° and 80%

RH the expected life is reduced to only three years! If this paper was kept in a room maintained at 50°F and 40% RH, the expected useful life is increased to about 1200 years!

We strive to protect the artifacts at the museum. The upgraded system will allow us to keep our settings without worrying about the system breaking down.

Annual Meeting

The Coffey County Historical Society will be holding its Annual Meeting on Monday, September 22 at the museum. During the

meeting, there will be a short program and the results of the election of new board members. The August issue will have information on the

candidates and voting ballots for all current members. To renew your membership or to become a member, please see page 5 in this issue.

New Employee: Michelle Morris

Hello! My name is Michelle Morris and I am the newest addition to the Coffey County Historical Museum family! I could not be more excited to be a part of this! I started here in April 2014 and I have loved every minute of it. I have always loved antiques and been interested in ways of life that differ from my own, so working here has been amazing!

I am not originally from Coffey County, although I

have lived here for some time now. I was born in Russellville, Arkansas and lived there until I was 12. My family moved here because my father took a job at Wolf Creek. I was supposed to graduate from Burlington High with my class in 2007, but ended up graduating a year early, in May 2006. I will be attending Washburn University beginning this August. My major is Mass Media with a concentration on Public

Relations and I have yet to choose a minor. I will be completing as many classes as possible online because I want to keep working here as long as possible! I’ve already completed two and a half years of college, so I’m hoping this goes quickly!

I currently live in New Strawn with my boyfriend, two cats, and our dog. I do not have any children yet and am not in any particular hurry to have some!

Genealogy Library

It is that time of year again when more genealogists start visiting the Genealogy Library at the museum. The Genealogy Library contains a large collection of information about Coffey County and its people. It also contains some information from surrounding counties, Kansas, and other states.

Within the library, we have binders with newspaper clippings of obituaries, marriages, anniversaries, births, and cemeteries. All of these binders are indexed. We also have binders with early funeral home records and other topics such as veterans, churches,

orphan train riders, Coffey County school and more.

Also in the Genealogy Library is a large collection of microfilm reels. On the reels we have census records for Coffey County (1860-1930), Atlas of Coffey County (1878, 1901, and 1919), and newspapers throughout the county. We have two microfilm readers that will print and coming soon a new ST ViewScan II microfilm reader.

The ST ViewScan II allows users to either print the image, save it to a USB, or email it. Users will be able to

notice a difference in the quality of images with this scanner compared to our old microfilm readers. Not only can the new scanner read microfilm, it can also read negatives. We will keep our old microfilm readers for those who are not comfortable using the new reader.

If you need help with genealogy and will not be able to make it down to the museum, our staff is willing to help. You can contact Erin by email at erin@coffeymuseum.org or by phone toll free at (888) 877-2653.

How to read Headstones

Several older headstones have become weathered and more difficult to read over the years. Here are some do's and don'ts on techniques to read headstones according to professional conservators.

Don't:

- Do rubbing on the stone
- Use shaving cream. There are chemicals in shaving cream that can get into the pores of the

headstone causing discoloration or damage in the stone over time. Even with lots of rinsing, chemicals can still stick in the pores.

- Chalk the writing.

Do:

- Go out in morning to read the headstone. Most headstones face east. The morning sun may make the inscription more legible.

- Angle a mirror to shine the sunlight across the face of a stone to illuminate the inscriptions.
- Take photographs and upload onto a computer with photograph editing software. Invert the colors to bring out the lettering or adjust the levels.

Church & School Fund Drive

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 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 who 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? _____

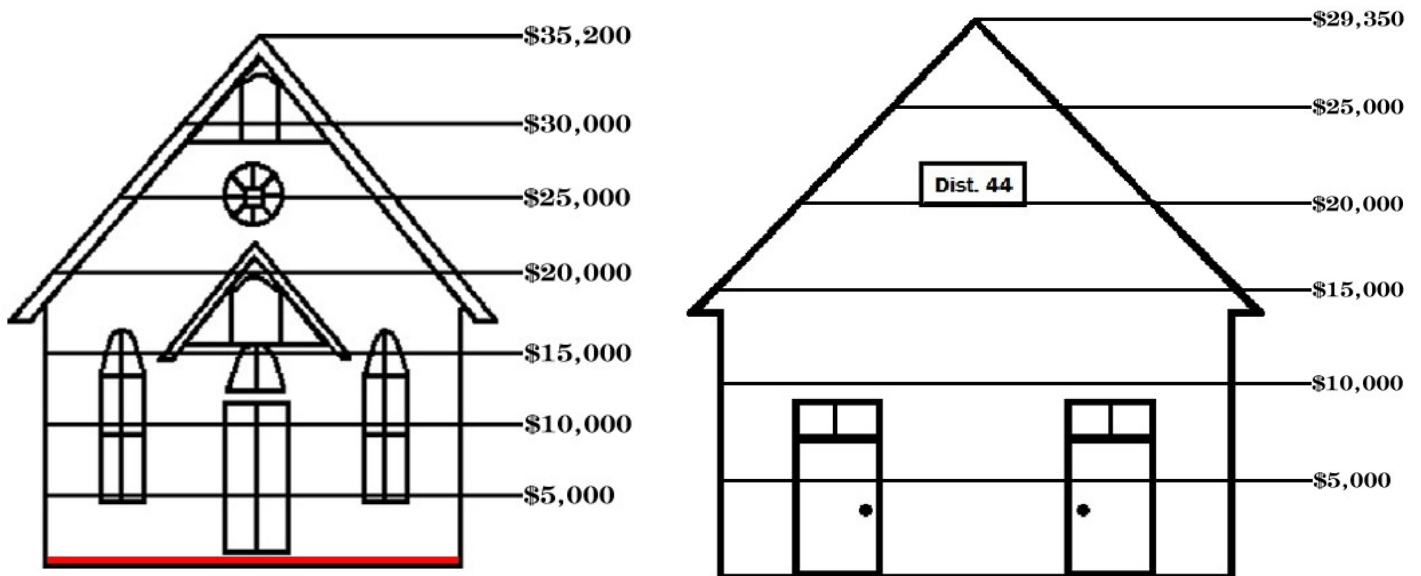
If yes, how would you like your name listed? _____

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	Reimer, Paul
Adkins, Joan	Evans, Terry L.	Knapp, Bill	Reisbig, Clara L.
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Allen, Dan	Finkbiner, Patricia	Kniss, Donna	Roth, V. Cameron
Allen, Linda K.	Finkbiner, Terry	Krebs, Tammy Hoover	Salava, Dan
Anliker, Tyler	First National Bank of Kansas	Krigbaum, Marilyn	Salava, Linda J.
Atherly, Mary Lou DeLong	Fitch, Duane	Kunkel, Connie	Salisbury, Florence Conrad
Atkin, John D. M.D.	Freeman, Bill	Kunkel, David	Sanborn, Patty A
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Beaty, W. Jean	Freeman, Elva	Little, Charles F.	Schick, Ruth
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Central National Bank	Geery, Barbara	Mattox, Martha	Spade, Sharon
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City of Burlington	Graber, Kevin	McAlister, V.S.	Spatz, Robert J.
City of Lebo	Graber, Linda	McConnell, John	Spriggs, Judy
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Clark, Larry	Hatch, Homer	Meader, Peggy	Stukey, Kent
Cochran, Dorothy	Hayes, Edris Irwin	Merry, Barbara	Sunseri, Carol
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Coldsmith, Don	Hoover, Ron	Parnay, Arlene Carpenter	Watson, Irene
Coldsmith, Edna	Hoyt, Kent	Payne, Janet	Wildman, Kay
Combes, Irene E.	Hoyt, Lori	Ponder, Mary Lou	Wilkinson, Al
Combes, Kenneth L.	Hull, Kelly J.	Ponder, Randy	Wilkinson, Opal
Conrad, Mary E.	Hull, Sheldon L.	Purvis, Lois Jean	Williams, James E., Jr.
Cordell, Larry	Irey, Diana L.	Raaf, Clarence	Williams, Kathleen (Asper)
Cox, Juanita	Irey, Ronald W.	Raaf, Esther	Williamson, Arthur W.
Croll, Susan	Johnson, Cloyce E.	Raaf, Fred A.	Williamson, Bernice
Curtiss, Jerilyn	Johnson, Diane S.	Raaf, Gary	Williamson, Mitch
Curtiss, Larry M.	Johnson, Jerry D.	Raaf, Harvey G.	Wilson, Ida M.
Danford, Charlene	Johnson, John E.	Raaf, James L.	Wilson, Warren D.
DeLong, Roy G.	Johnson, Loren E.	Raaf, JoAnn	Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating
Dunlap, Dr. James	Jones, Don	Raaf, Mark	Corporation
Dunlap, Judith	Jones, Carol	Raaf, Ralph	Wolken, Deanna
Edelman, Albert L.	Jones, Fred S.	Raaf, Richard	Woods, Chloe
Edelman, Victor	Jones, Glenda	Raynesford, Carolyn C.	Woods, Frank
Epting, Gary	Kaufman, Helen Garn	Redding, Bud	Worrell, Dallas G.
Epting, Polly	Keas, Sandy K.	Redding, Carol	Zscheile, Lila L.
Evans, Dean	Kennamore, Deborah	Reeves, Glen W.	
Evans, George	Kennamore, William "Pete"	Reeves, Karen K.	

*new members are bolded

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? _____

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

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| Type of membership (please circle one):
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$5.00 annual <u>per person</u>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Business (\$15.00 annual per business)
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime (\$100.00 one time fee <u>per person</u>) | *Please mail completed form and check or money order to:
Coffey County Museum
1101 Neosho Street
Burlington, KS 66839 |
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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

June

12- Board Meeting
15- Father's Day

July

4- Independence Day- Museum
Closed
11- Board Meeting

August

14- Board Meeting

September

1- Labor Day- Museum Open
8- Board Meeting
22- Annual 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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