

Timelines



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Reminder: Museum will be open on the weekends until mid-November with the exception of Easter Weekend and Independence Day Weekend.

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- Museum Director:
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- Registrar:
Catherine Goodwin

Weekend Volunteers

The museum will begin summer hours, opening during weekends from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. until mid-November (excluding holiday weekends) staffed by our amazing group of weekend volunteers.

We are trying to add to our list of volunteers. We are looking for individuals willing to work at least one weekend day during the museum's summer hours. High School students are encouraged to volunteer but must work in pairs. The volunteering will look

good on scholarship applications! Older interested individuals can volunteer to work by his/herself or in a group. New volunteers will be paired up with a seasoned volunteer the first time to learn the tasks. Volunteers will not have to unlock/lock building or turn on/off the lights with thanks to the Coffey County Sheriff Office Jailers.

If you are interested, please contact the museum at (620) 364-2653



or email erin@coffeymuseum.org. Be sure to let us know your name, phone number, address, days preferred, and if you have someone else who would like to volunteer with you.

New Employee: Catherine Goodwin

Hello there, happy readers! My name is Catherine Goodwin, but I also go by just Cat. I'm sure many of you have seen me around town due to the jobs I held here in Burlington. From Pizza Hut to Dairy Queen to the Country Club and now here at the museum.

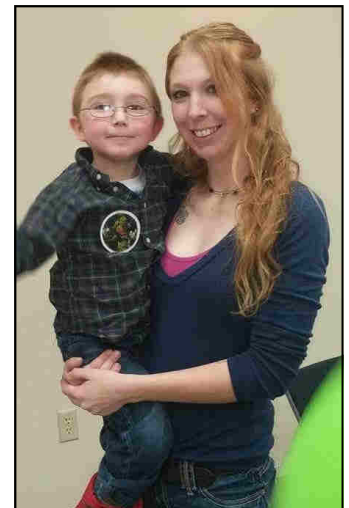
Born in Wisconsin, growing up in Reading, now residing in Lebo, I love the small town life. To me it is the perfect setting to raise my special little guy Reid. Reid just recently turned the big FIVE! Being a single

parent, my world revolves around my son.

Because of him, I decided to go to college. What a culture shock! It had been nearly ten years after High School. I'm hopefully wrapping up my time at Allen County Community College by the end of 2015 with my Associates of Art Degree majoring in history.

Getting the phone call from Shirley about this job made me grin from ear to ear. Coming here on a whim last year to see if any help was needed was the best random thing I have

ever done. Now I am in a place I want to be and cannot wait to continue to grow here with the Coffey County Historical Museum.



Kansas Day 2015

The museum held its annual fundraiser, Kansas Day, on Saturday, January 31st. Activities during the fundraising event included a meal, pioneer activities, a Live and a Silent Auction.

The Burlington United Methodist Church served chicken and noodles, chili, hot dogs, and homemade desserts in the Pioneer Gallery. All the proceeds from the meal benefitted the church.

The auctions were also held in the Pioneer Gallery this year. A

total of 38 donors contributed items for the auctions making a total of 99 auction items. A total of 32 people participated in the auctions.

Pioneer activities that included butter churning, rope making, candle dipping, yarn dolls, and coloring pages were held throughout the

museum. Children also enjoyed the new Children's Room in the Flint Hills Gallery. A total of 22 volunteers put in a total of 65 hours helping with the Pioneer Activities

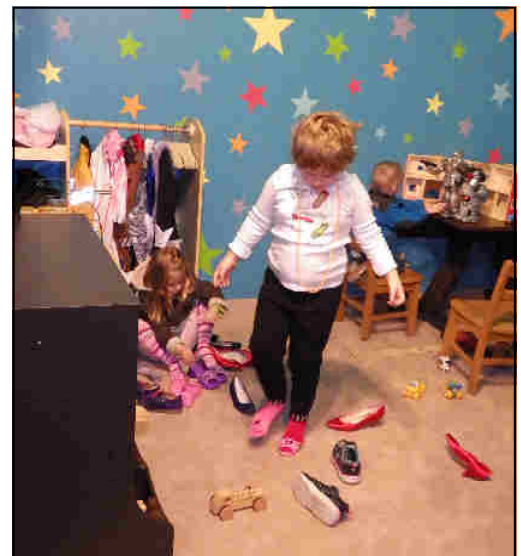


Kansas Day 2015

and the auctions. All the proceeds from the event, except from the meal, were designated for the restoration of the Bethel Church and the Rural Dale School House located at the museum.

The sponsors and donors for the event were: A Lasting Impressions, American Family Insurance, Burlington Auto Supply, Burlington Construction, Burlington Recreation Center Burlington United Methodist Church, Casey's General Store in Burlington, Central National Bank, City of New Strawn, Coca-Cola Emporia, Coffey County Republican, Cook's Plumbing, Crow-Moddie Ford & Chevys, Dessert Diva, Doris VanArsdale,

Homestead Lane Alpacas, Hoover's Thriftway, Jim Stuke, Kansas City Chiefs, Kansas City Royals, Kansas City T-Bones, Karen Friend, Lewis Oil, Life Care Center of Burlington, Quick Lane, Richard Croll LPL Financial, Sandra Reedy, Schlitterbahn Water Park & Resort, Sedgwick County Zoo, Sonic Drive-In Burlington, Stan Luke, Strawder's & Daughters, Susan Croll Mary Kay Consultant, Treehouse Treasures, True Enterprise, Vaughn-Roth Auctions, Walt Disney World, Wireless Concepts, Wolf Creek Lodge, and Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating.



Church & School Restoration

Funds are still being raised to help restore the church and school. The buildings received a foundation lift last summer. The splits in the siding on the buildings were filled last fall to temporarily fix it until we have funds to replace the boards in poor condition with new boards.

The interior of the building still needs repaired. We are still raising funds for the restoration of the school and church buildings. The last two fundraising events, Spiritual Dimensions and Kansas Day, were fundraisers for the restoration of the buildings. We are also collecting money for this cause. A donation

form is located below if you are interested in donating to help restore the church and school buildings. A huge thank you to all of those who have already donated (see List of Donors) and to those who have already attended our fundraisers.

If you have any questions regarding the restoration or how to donate, please contact the museum at (888) 877-2653.

List of Donors:

Foundation Lift:

- ★ Joyce Holderby
- ★ Kevin & Linda Graber
- ★ Cindy Eccles In Memory of E. Lucille Woods Atherly for Bethel Church
- ★ Anonymous

Restoration:

- ★ Anonymous
- ★ Margaret O'Leary

Bethel Church & Rural Dale School House 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 your name 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.

Burlington Post Office

Burlington's current Post Office located at 118 S. 4th Street was built in 1941 by Ernest Rokahr and Sons out of Lincoln, Nebraska. The funds for the new Burlington Post Office were provided by a \$90,000 allotment made under the Federal Public Buildings Appropriation Act of 1938 to cover the purchase of a building site, the construction, furniture and equipment, and Public Buildings Administration administrative expenses. The cornerstone of the building was laid on April 9, 1941, with a Masonic Ceremony. A 4"x 6"x 12" copper box made by F. M. Ruch was placed behind the cornerstone. According to *The Daily Republican* printed on April 10, 1941, the box contained "histories of all of the Burlington churches, copies of all Coffey County newspapers of current date, and of older papers containing list of draftees, history of C Company, farewell to the battery, history of some of the local clubs and organizations, history of the library, list

of teachers, information concerning schools and city and county, a complete roster of the business and professional men of Burlington and a lot of other matter of historical interest." The new building was moved into and was open on November 20, 1941. The flood waters reached the new post office building several times during the floods in the 1940's with the highest of the flood waters in 1951. Today, there is a mark on the wall in the post office lobby marking how high the flood waters reached inside of the building during the great flood of '51. The Neosho River was able to be tamed with the building of John Redmond Dam. In the 1960's, the post

office building was federally approved as a fallout shelter. It had a capacity of 85 and was stocked with federal supplies to protect the occupants against effects of fall out radiation. Burlington's one other fallout shelter was the Coffey County Courthouse basement with a capacity of 530 people.



Top: The Burlington Post Office after it was built in 1941.

Above: This photograph was taken in August of 1948 during the flood.

Burlington Postmasters

- ★ 6/15/1857 established in Hampden- William A. Ela
Post office was moved to Burlington on 2/16/1858
- ★ 2/16/1858- James A Jones
- ★ 6/15/1853- Orlando Walking
- ★ 1/4/1860- Ahijah Jones
- ★ 1/22/1861- Adrial Kent
- ★ 11/12/1861- Orson Kent
- ★ 4/18/1864- Judson A. Walkling
- ★ 12/8/1865- Lewis W. Morey
- ★ 3/29/1869- Peter S. Patton
- ★ 12/11/1878- Ansel D. Brown
- ★ 7/28/1885- Ebenezer M. Lockwood
- ★ 8/2/1889- Squire M. Lane
- ★ 4/5/1894- Ebenezer M. Lockwood
- ★ 5/10/1897- Oliver P. Mauck
- ★ 8/12/1901- Clement O. Smith
- ★ 8/22/1911- Joseph G. Denslow
- ★ 4/12/1915- W. S. Lang (Acting Postmaster)
- ★ 5/13/1915- Lewis W. Knight
- ★ 9/1/1923- Oloff G. Mechem (Acting Postmaster)
- ★ 1/15/1924- Orloff G. Mechem
- ★ 4/9/1928- Chester M. Cellar
- ★ 4/1/1936- Clarence H. White
- ★ 12/31/1956- Maurice Mast (Acting Postmaster)
- ★ 7/30/1958- Robert G. Naylor
- ★ 12/29/1980- Archie W. Allen (Officer-In-Charge)
- ★ 12/26/1981- John C. Carney
- ★ 8/2/1985- John Knight (Officer-In-Charge)
- ★ 9/28/1985- Charles Strong
- ★ 9/28/1990- Ben Bush (Officer-In-Charge)
- ★ 1/12/1991- Virginia L. Niblack
- ★ 1/8/1993- Robert J. Dunn (Officer-In-Charge)
- ★ 1/23/1993- Robert J. Dunn
- ★ 3/25/2009- Cynthia L. Raber (Officer-In-Charge)
- ★ 4/24/2010- Robert S. Nordstedt

Lifetime Members

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

*new members are bolded
216 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? _____

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

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

March

12- Board Meeting @ noon
17- St. Patrick's Day

April

4-5- Museum Closed- Easter
9- Board Meeting @ noon
18- Wedding

May

10- Mother's Day
14- Board Meeting @ noon
25- Memorial Day- Museum OPEN

June

11- Board Meeting @ noon
21- Father's Day

VIEWING HOURS:

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.*

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

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

CLOSED on Weekends and Federal Holidays

***CLOSED Holiday Weekends except Memorial Day & Labor Day**

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