

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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Night at the Museum Fundraiser

Night at the Museum: Sock Hop Edition, a 1950's themed fundraiser, will be held at the Coffey County Historical Museum on Saturday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m. This is the 2nd year of the themed Night at the Museum fundraiser. Last year's theme was the Gatsby Edition (1920's).

Get your cool threads on and make the scene at the best bash in town! Flicks and tunes from the nifty fifties will be playing throughout the museum. Be sent on a peachy keen scavenger hunt while learning the Hand Jive, games, and much more! Don't forget to bring extra bread (\$\$) to purchase drinks. Costume contest is at 10:00 p.m. Voting for next years themed decade will take place during the event with the winning

decade announced after the costume contest.

Get dibs on the event by purchasing your tickets at the Coffey County Museum. Tickets are available for purchase starting July 18th. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 the day of the event. Must be 21 or older. Tickets can be purchased during normal viewing hours at the museum Monday-Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m. Drink tickets are extra and are available for purchase the day of the event (there is a four drink limit).

All proceeds from the event will go to the restoration of the Rural Dale one room school house and the Bethel Church located on the museum grounds. The buildings have seen damage on the outside and insides of the

buildings due to the foundations settling. The foundations of both buildings were lifted the fall of 2013. Repairs to the inside of the school and church and some of the boards of the sidings of the buildings still need cracks filled or boards replaced along with other restoration repairs. The one-room school house is among the favorites of elementary school students when they tour the museum.

For more information about the event, contact the Coffey County Historical Museum toll free at (888) 877-2653 or in person at 1101 Neosho Street, Burlington, KS. There is also an event page on the museum's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/coffeymuseum.



Presentation Explores Women Who Fought in Civil War

Coffey County Historical Museum in Burlington will host “Women Soldiers of the Civil War,” a presentation and discussion by Diane Eickhoff on Saturday, November 5th at 1:00 p.m. at the Coffey County Historical Museum 1101 Neosho Street, Burlington, KS. Members of the community are invited to attend the free program. Contact the Coffey County Historical Museum at (888) 877-2653 for more information. The program is made possible by the Kansas Humanities Council.

During the Civil War, hundreds of women cut their hair and donned men’s clothing to report for duty to Union and Confederate Army recruiters. Others served as scouts and spies or rode with their husbands and brothers in service. The presentation will explore how and why a fascinating group of women defied cultural norms to become soldiers, especially during a time when there was great emphasis on women’s and men’s separate roles in

society.

Diane Eickhoff is an independent historian, writer, and editor of education materials. Her most recent historical biography, *Clarina Nichols: Frontier Crusader for Women’s Rights*, is published by Quindaro Press.



Diane Eickhoff

“This program evolved out of a single slide that often brought an earlier Speakers Bureau talk of mine to a standstill,” said Eickhoff. “People are as fascinated as I was to learn how so many women were able to disguise themselves as men – and

to learn about their different motives for entering the battlefield.”

“Women Soldiers of the Civil War” is part of the Kansas Humanities Council’s Kansas Stories Speakers Bureau, featuring presentations and discussions that examine our shared human experience—our innovations, culture, heritage, and conflicts.

The Kansas Humanities Council conducts and supports community-based programs, serves as a financial resource through an active grant-making program, and encourages Kansans to engage in the civic and cultural life of their communities. For more information about KHC programs contact the Kansas Humanities Council at 785/357-0359 or visit online at www.kansashumanities.org.

For more information about “Women Soldiers of the Civil War” in Burlington contact the Coffey County Historical Museum at (888) 877-2653 or visit

Lawbreakers for the Common Good

Anne Hawkins presented “Lawbreakers for the Common Good” on Saturday, March 12 in the Pioneer Gallery at the museum. About 25 individuals were in the crowd to listen to the presentation. Hawkins dress in period clothing and spoke about the true accounts of people who worked illegally on the Underground Railroad in Kansas. One person she spoke about was Caroline and William Scales who lived in Topeka who assisted Ann Clarke and other runaways to freedom.

The program was made possible by the Kansas Humanities Council. For more information about Kansas Humanities Council programs, contact them at (785) 357-0359 or visit them online at www.kansashumanities.org.



School Tours

The museum had several students from Burlington, Waverly, and home school groups tour the museum the past couple months. They toured the galleries including the schoolhouse and church. Couple groups made individual teepees after their tour.

Below Left: Catherine has the children stand up and demonstrate how to ride side saddle. The Livery Display has two side saddles on display with other saddles and horse artifacts.

Below Right: Shirley shows a group from Waverly the doll collection. The students had to find a doll made out of shells, one made of apples, dolls made of corn husk, and "freaky doll."

Far Bottom: Shirley asks a group of Waverly students if they know whose portrait is hanging on the wall of the schoolhouse. The museum's Rural Dale Schoolhouse is a favorite among the students on the tours.

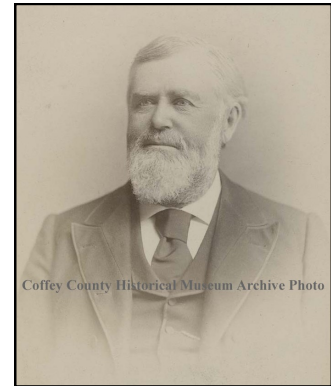


Famous Friday's

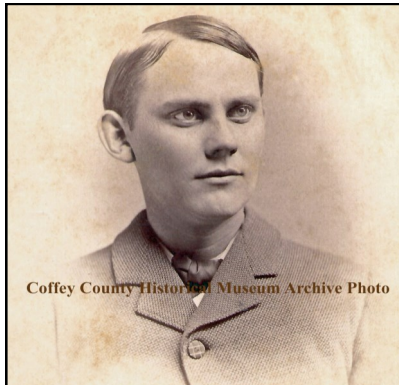
Coffey County Historical Museum started posting photographs of "famous" people/thing in Coffey County on the museum's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/coffeymuseum. A clue along with a photograph is given on Friday with the answer revealed on the following Monday. Below are the clues along with the photographs that were posted on Facebook. The answers are found on pages 8-9.



- 3) The town of Hampden tried to arrest this man for purchasing two houses in the town and moving them across the river to the town of Burlington.



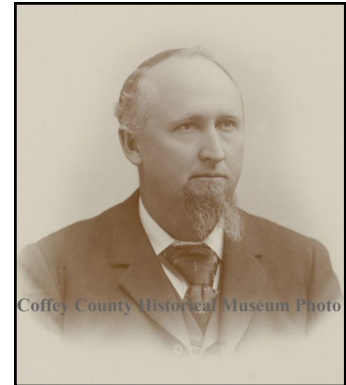
- 6) This man founded the town of Burlington, Kansas.



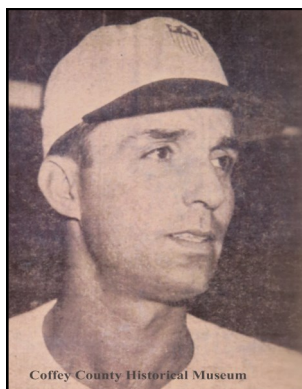
- 1) This man built a three story brick house in about 1883 and donated it and the land to the City of Burlington in 1906.



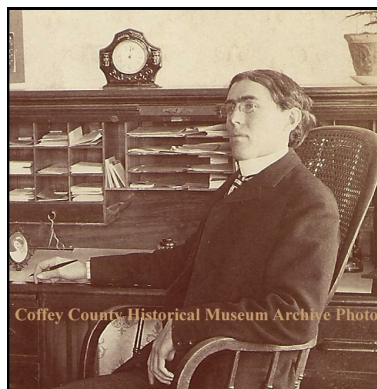
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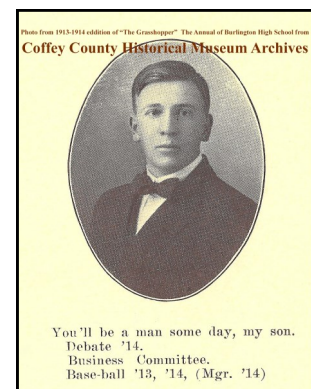
- 7) This man had a very profitable purebred horse breeding farm in LeRoy but lost it during the depression of the 1890s.



- 2) This local man pitched for the minor leagues from 1937-1957.



- 5) This man organized the Burlington Commercial Club in 1910 which eventually became the Coffey County Chamber of Commerce.



- 8) The county gave this man a big celebration in Burlington.

Church & School Restoration

Funds are still being raised to help restore the church and school. The buildings received a foundation lift in 2013. The splits in the siding on the buildings were filled 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. The last two fundraising events, Night at the Museum: Gatsby Edition 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



Above: Bethel Church
Below: Rural Dale Schoolhouse



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.

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Bohrer, Paul	Garrett, Emily	Luke, Robert Standley, Jr	Smith, Ivan
Brecheisen, Betty	Garrett, Lisa I.	Martindale, Paul	Smith, Marjorie J.
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Bruce, Robert Lyle	Geery, Barbara	Mattox, Martha	Spade, Sharon
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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
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Cordell, Larry	Irey, Ronald W.	Raaf, Esther	Williamson, Arthur W.
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Croll, Susan	Johnson, Diane S.	Raaf, Gary	Williamson, Mitch
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Dunlap, Judith	Jones, Fred S.	Raaf, Richard	Woods, Chloe
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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):

- 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:

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 1101 Neosho Street
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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: _____

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

Famous Friday's Answers

- 1) *Clue: This man built a three story brick house about 1883 and donated it and the land to the City of Burlington in 1906. This man is Harry E. Kelley. Harry was the son of General Harrison and Caroline Kelley. He built a three story brick house where Kelley Hall now stands in Kelley Park in about 1883. In February of 1887, Harry Kelley went down to Ft. Smith, Arkansas, to manage the new office of Lane & Kent Real Estate & Loan. He would later buy his partners' interests and become a very successful business man in Ft. Smith. (There is a Harry E. Kelly Park in Ft. Smith, Arkansas.) General Harrison, Caroline, and daughters then moved into Harry's home during 1887. General Harrison passed away in 1897 and his daughters later married and moved out of state. During the spring of 1906, Harry offered to give the city of Burlington the Kelley house and land for the use as a public library and park. More information about Kelley park including Harry's conditions of the donation, Kelley Military Academy, Coffey County Fair, and the Kelley Community Hall building can be found in the November 2014 issue of the museum's newsletter, Timelines. This information was also posted in previous Facebook posts in December 2014.*
- 2) *Clue: This local man pitched for the minor leagues from 1937-1957. This is Omer "Lee" Anthony. Lee Anthony was born July, 26, 1918, in LeRoy, Kansas. He was a right handed pitcher and batter in the minor leagues. He missed the seasons from 1944-1947 while he served in the US Army. Later he became a scout for professional baseball teams. He was inducted into the Kansas Baseball Hall of Fame in Wichita in 1962. Lee passed away June 27, 2010, at the Life Care Center in Burlington. The museum has a baseball display with some of his items in it.*
- 3) *Clue: The town of Hampden tried to arrest this man for purchasing two houses in the town and moving them across the river to the town of Burlington. This man is Fernando A. Atherly and became Burlington's first mayor in 1870. Before he became mayor and the town of Burlington just beginning, Atherly "built" the first building in Burlington. The closest place to get lumber was 40 miles away and the town of Hampden had a few cheap houses. Atherly purchased two small houses and moved them from Hampden to Burlington across the river. Hampden fearing this would hurt their town, obtained a warrant issued from LeRoy, the county seat at the time, to arrest Atherly. Atherly and his helpers resisted arrest and finished moving the houses when the officers returned to LeRoy. The houses were located halfway between the Neosho River and the Central Hotel (where the old Carnegie Library sits today). The building was first used for a provision store by James Jones. It was also used as a town headquarters and general ranch. Atherly also built the first hotel which was the third building erected in Burlington. He was also instrumental in establishing a woolen mill here in Burlington. He served two years as register of deeds of Coffey County. Atherly spent the last 20 years of his life on his farm near Gridley.*
- 4) *Clue: This woman was the "First Lady of Aviation" and co-founded an aircraft corporation with her husband. This is Olive Ann (Mellor) Beech. She was born in Waverly, Kansas, on September 25, 1903. In 1930, Olive and Walter Beech married and two years later they founded Beech Aircraft. Walter passed away in 1950. Olive became the company president and retired from that position in 1966, but remained board chairman until 1982. Olive had received several awards and was inducted into the Aviation Hall of Fame. Olive passed away on July 6, 1993, in Wichita. The Coffey County Historical Society & Museum has a few artifacts of Olive's that are currently on display. The town of Waverly also has a historical marker by the City Park about Olive.*
- 5) *Clue: This man organized the Burlington Commercial Club in 1910 which eventually became the Coffey County Chamber of Commerce. He was also very involved in the community. This is John Redmond. He was born in Burlington to Col. James and Sara Jane Geesey Redmond on December 1, 1873. He graduated from Burlington High School in 1890. He studied law in his father's law office, Redmond & Junkins, until he went to Emporia to work and received training in the William Allen White School of Journalism at Emporia on the Emporia Gazette in October 1895. Later he worked on the Topeka Daily Capital and two years in Wichita on the Wichita Daily Star and Wichita Daily Beacon. Redmond purchased the Daily Jeffersonian in Burlington on December 1, 1898. He purchased and merged*

Famous Friday's Answers (cont...)

the other Burlington papers into his own and later changed the name of his paper to The Daily Republican (presently The Coffey County Republican). John Redmond served as president of the Kansas Press Association and was active in the National Editorial Association and in the Inland Daily Press Association. He was president of the Coffey County Fair Association and served as its secretary for a number of years. He also served as president of the State Association of the Kansas Fairs. He was a past commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of Kansas and Oklahoma. He was campaign manager for Governor Clyde M. Reed when he ran for his second term for governor of Kansas. He was active in the Burlington United Methodist Church where he was a trustee and taught the Business Men's Class for a number of years. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and received his 50 year membership emblem about nine months before his death. He organized the Burlington Commercial Club, became its first president, and served as secretary for many years. He was president of the Neosho-Cottonwood Basins Flood Control Association and gave much of his time in his later years working for the interests of flood control in Kansas and in the nation. The Strawn Dam was renamed to the John Redmond Dam and Reservoir in his honor. John Redmond passed away September 6, 1953 at the age of 79 at his home in Burlington. On

- 6) *Clue: This man founded the town of Burlington, Kansas.* This is Col. Oscar Eugene Learnard. He was born on November 14, 1832, in Vermont. He went to Kansas

Territory during the winter of 1855-56 wanting to help make Kansas a free state. He first arrived in Lawrence and then arrived in Burlington in January of 1857. On February 20, 1857, the act incorporating the Burlington Town Company was approved. The incorporators were O. E. Learnard, Charles Morse, J. A. D. Clark, T. T. Parsons, and C. W. Southway. Learnard is considered the father of Burlington and whose honor the town was named (he was a native of Burlington, Vermont). He was elected district judge and resigned during office to accept an appointment as a lieutenant colonel of the 1st Kansas Volunteer Infantry. He was the youngest district judge in the state and one of the youngest army officers of the time. Learnard was also a member of the first territorial legislature of Kansas and one of the first state senators. He was a claim agent and tax commissioner for railroads. He also purchased newspapers in Lawrence. He died November 6, 1911 in Lawrence, KS.

- 7) *Clue: This man had a very profitable purebred horse breeding farm in LeRoy but lost it during the depression of the 1890s.* This is John Whitnah Leedy. He was born in 1849 in Ohio. He had very little education due to the early death of his father. He tried enlisting into the Union Army in early 1864 but was rejected due to age; he was 14. He then joined a Civil War troop where he served until the end of the war. In 1872, he changed from the Republican party to the Democratic party and then switched to the People's (Populist) party after it was formed in 1890.

He moved to Coffey County in 1880 to LeRoy where he was extensively engaged in stock raising. He became the 14th governor of Kansas in 1897 and only served one term. After losing his reelection bid in 1899, he retired briefly from politics. In 1901 he moved to Valdez, Alaska where he served as mayor for two years. He later became a naturalized citizen. Two weeks before his death, the Kansas legislature appropriated \$1,000 for his funeral expenses and cost of a headstone for him. Leedy died on March 24, 1935, in Canada and is buried at the Edmonton Municipal Cemetery in Alberta, Canada.

- 8) *Clue: Burlington and Coffey County gave this man a big celebration in Burlington.* This is Lieutenant General Ennis C. Whitehead. Ennis was born in 1895 northwest of Westphalia in Coffey County. He graduated from Burlington High School in 1914 and then attended Kansas University. When the US declared war on Germany in 1917, Whitehead quit school to enter the U.S. Army where he was a pilot. Whitehead was discharged after WWI was over and picked up his college education where he had left off, graduating from KU in 1920. He later entered the army again. In 1949, he was named commander of the Continental Air command. Burlington and Coffey County gave a celebration honoring him on September 23, 1949, at Kelley Park in Burlington. Whitehead retired in 1951 and moved to Newton, his wife Mary's hometown. He passed away on October 12, 1964, at the age of 69.

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Calendar of Events

July

2-4- Museum CLOSED-
Independence Day
14- Board Meeting @ Noon

August

11- Board Meeting @ Noon
13- Night at the Museum: Sock Hop

September

5- Labor Day- Museum OPEN
9- Board Meeting @ Noon

October

13- Board Meeting @ Noon
31- Halloween- Museum Open

VIEWING HOURS:

Summer Hours: (March 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 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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