

Timelines



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Kansas Day 2018 is Saturday, January 27, 2018.

Board of Directors:

- Jeri Page,
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Vice President, Lebo
- Eileen Coker,
Secretary, At-Large Position
- Kent Hoyt,
Treasurer, Burlington
- Georgia Masten, Waverly
- Johnnie Redding, Jr., Gridley
- OPEN SEAT, Burlington

Museum Staff:

- Museum Director:
Shirley Gorge
- Administrative Assistant:
Erin Burdick
- Curator:
Catherine Goodwin

Kansas Day 2018

The Coffey County Historical Museum’s annual fundraiser, Kansas Day, will be held on Saturday, January 27th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Children will have the opportunity to participate in Pioneer Activities from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The activities are free, but donations are greatly appreciated. Activities include rope making, candle dipping, butter churning, yarn dolls, and more. The train set in the Asbury Gallery will be running during this time.

A silent and a live auction will also take place during the event. The Live Auction will start at noon in the Pioneer Gallery. The silent auction will start at 11:00

a.m. and close at 1:00 p.m. Some of the items for the auctions include Bill Snyder autographed Kansas State University football, Schlitterbahn tickets, Rolling Hills Zoo passes, Kansas City Royals items, Scentsy, cookware, gift certificates to area businesses, and so much more! Photographs of the items that will be in the auction can be found on the museum’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/coffeymuseum in the “Kansas Day 2018 Auction Items” album.

Proceeds from the donations from the pioneer activities and the auction will go towards the restoration of the Rural Dale one-room

schoolhouse and the Bethel Church located on the museum’s grounds.

The Friends of the Library group will serve a meal in the Pioneer Gallery. The proceeds from the meal will go to the Friends of the Library group.

For more information about the fundraising 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.

Fall Fest

On October 7th, the museum participated in Burlington’s Annual Fall Festival at Kelley Park. Children were able to create their own ropes at the museum’s booth. More than 50 ropes were made by children at the event.

Above: Cat watches as Chas, Shirley’s son, makes a rope. Right: Cat and Shirley encourages a boy who was turning the machine to make a rope.



2017 Election Results

There were two board positions that were up for election this year for the Coffey County Historical Society Board of Directors, the Waverly and Gridley positions. The election this year were done by mail-in ballots.

Georgia Masten joined the Board of Directors in February when she filled in the unexpired term of Sandra Reedy for Waverly. She ran unopposed for the Waverly position.

Johnnie Redding, Jr. won the Gridley position by write-in votes.

The 2018 election will be held during September with the results announced at the Annual Meeting on Monday, September 24, 2018. Up for election in 2018 is the LeRoy Position and Lebo Position.

Georgia J. Masten

Georgia has lived in Coffey County most of her life. She left in 1963 after graduating from Waverly High School and returned in 1968.

She was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Emporia, KS, and grew up on a farm in Northeast Coffey County, near Agricola. Georgia has two brothers. She is the middle child and only daughter.

Georgia attended the one-room school in Agricola from first grade to seventh grade. After the school closed due to lack of students, she attended Waverly Grade School for 8th grade, graduating in the second class to graduate from the new building in 1959. In 1963, she graduated from Waverly High School and moved to Kansas City, at age 17, to find a job. Georgia worked at Lynn Insurance until she turned 18 in August and could apply at Bendix Corporation. She worked there until she got married, in 1965, and moved to Garden City, MO, and later to Freeman, MO.

In 1967, Georgia finally convinced her husband to leave his

“Show Me State” and move to “The Land of Oz” where her parents lived. They raised their children around the Waverly area, where they all graduated from Waverly High School. They were blessed to be raised near their grandparents and had a special bond with them. They all live approximately an hour away. She has five grandchildren and one great grandson that lives in Newton.

Over the years, Georgia kept busy with various jobs around Waverly: the First National Bank, Sunset Manor Nursing Home, secretary at Berico Grain Drier Industries, para professional at Waverly schools, Site manager for Mid America Nutrition Program, substitute school cook, babysitting, cleaning houses, and manager of Country Corner Convenience Store for 16 years.

During the summer of 2000, the owner of Country Corner decided she needed to learn something about computers. She started taking college classes at Neosho County Community College in Ottawa. Georgia loved it so much that she continued and received an Associate Degree in 2004 just before she turned 59. With this degree, she was able to do some substitute teaching at the local schools.

In 2009, Georgia started to work part time as an Office Assistant at the Waverly City Hall where she still works present day.

Her hobbies include: oil and acrylic painting, gardening, reading (when she has time), traveling, spending time with family, and attending grandchildren's activities.

Georgia has enjoyed getting to know the gals at the Coffey County Museum and other board members. She said it has been very enlightening to learn of the operating procedures including the

good reports as well as the problems. She thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Kansas Day activities last year. With her business degree as well as job experiences, she feels that she can be an asset to the board. It is her hope to bring more awareness of the museum and its activities to the Northeast corner of Coffey County.

Johnnie E. Redding, Jr.

Johnnie E. Redding, Jr. was elected by write-in ballot to represent the Gridley area on the Board of Directors. His interest in history motivated him to consider serving on the board.

He was born in Oklahoma and came to Kansas with his family in 1957 at the age of 11. He attended Oil Field (a two room school), being one of the last three students to graduate 8th grade before it closed. He graduated Gridley High School in 1964.

He served in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Northern Thailand with the 388th Tac Fighter Division during the Vietnam War. He has been married to Pat for 51 years. They have two sons, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren who all live in Coffey County.

Johnnie has been an active farmer, oil producer, owned a TV appliance shop in Gridley, has retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Madison, and is currently owner of RC Trucking Inc. with his oldest son.

He is a current member of the Coffey County Fire Board, Hebron Lodge 314, American Legion Post 0296 and serves on the Board of Elders and Deacons at the Gridley Christian Church. He has also served on the USD 245 School Board.

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 repair. The fundraising events, Night at the Museum: Gatsby Edition, Night at the Museum: Sock Hop 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
- ★ Paul Jones, In Memory of Rev. John S Jones & Cordelia



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.

Lifetime Members

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

*new members are bolded

222 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: _____

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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.

Coffey County Historical Museum Gazebo Bricks

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

Please Note: Bricks will only be engraved once there are ten bricks that need to be engraved. This may take weeks or years.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

***Please make checks 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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Calendar of Events

November

Museum closed on the weekends

9- Board Meeting @ Noon

23-24- Thanksgiving- Museum CLOSED

December

14- Board Meeting @ Noon

25- Christmas- Museum CLOSED

January

1- New Year's Day- Museum CLOSED

11- Board Meeting @ Noon

15- MLK, Jr Day- Museum OPEN

27- Kansas Day fundraiser

February

8- Board Meeting @ Noon

14- Valentine's Day- Museum OPEN

19- Presidents' Day- Museum OPEN



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Winter Hours: (November to March)

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

CLOSED on Weekends and Federal Holidays

Summer Hours: (March to October)

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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