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We are looking for Weekend Volunteers. Contact the museum if you would like to become a Weekend Volunteer.



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Mascots: Grasshoppers or Always the Wildcats?

Facebook is a great social media tool used to connect people. There are Facebook groups for all types of topics. One of the many groups is “Burlington High Friends, Burlington, Kansas.” This group was created in 2016 for anyone who attended Burlington High School or graduated from BHS. Members post photos and memories in the group. One question asked by a Burlington alumni was, “Has Burlington High School ever had a mascot other than the Wildcats?” This got the group stirring. Some claimed that the school mascot had once been the Grasshoppers and others claimed that the school colors had been something other than Red and Grey. After much research, we have found the answer.

During 1887 and 1888, there was a Grasshopper baseball team from Burlington

made up of young men ages from fifteen years old to eighteen years old. The team was a city baseball team and not a school baseball team. The Grasshoppers would play Yates Center (Black Diamonds), Waverly, LeRoy, Neosho Falls, Otter Creek, Harris, Anderson County and Lebo (Bullfrogs). Some of the teams they played were composed of young men of the same ages and others were full

grown men with years of experience in baseball. There were also other Burlington baseball teams around at the same time, such as, “Fat Men.” But once again, the Grasshoppers was a city baseball team and not a school team.

“The Grasshopper” was also a name of the annual for Burlington High School from 1912 to at least 1916. Other names for the Burlington annuals were Forget-Me-Not, The Red



Above: The sketch of the Wildcat mascot first appeared in The BHS Key, the Burlington High School yearbook, in 1935.

Mascots: Grasshoppers or Always the Wildcats? (cont.)

& Gray, The BHS Key, The Master Key and most recently the Red Zone.

After going through the early Burlington High School Yearbooks, the first mention of Burlington being the “Wildcats” was in the 1931 yearbook. The first mascot appeared in the 1935 yearbook as a sketch. In the 1935 yearbook, the yearbook staff printed “The Key Staff is glad to present to its friends in the 1935 edition of the magazine which we hope you will like. We are quite proud of the new “Wildcat” design on the title page and the new electrotype on the cover.”

The Wildcat mascot costume first appeared in 1962-1963 with Larry Skillet portraying the mascot. The mascot costume has

changed a few times over the years. The museum is looking for photos and stories of Coffey

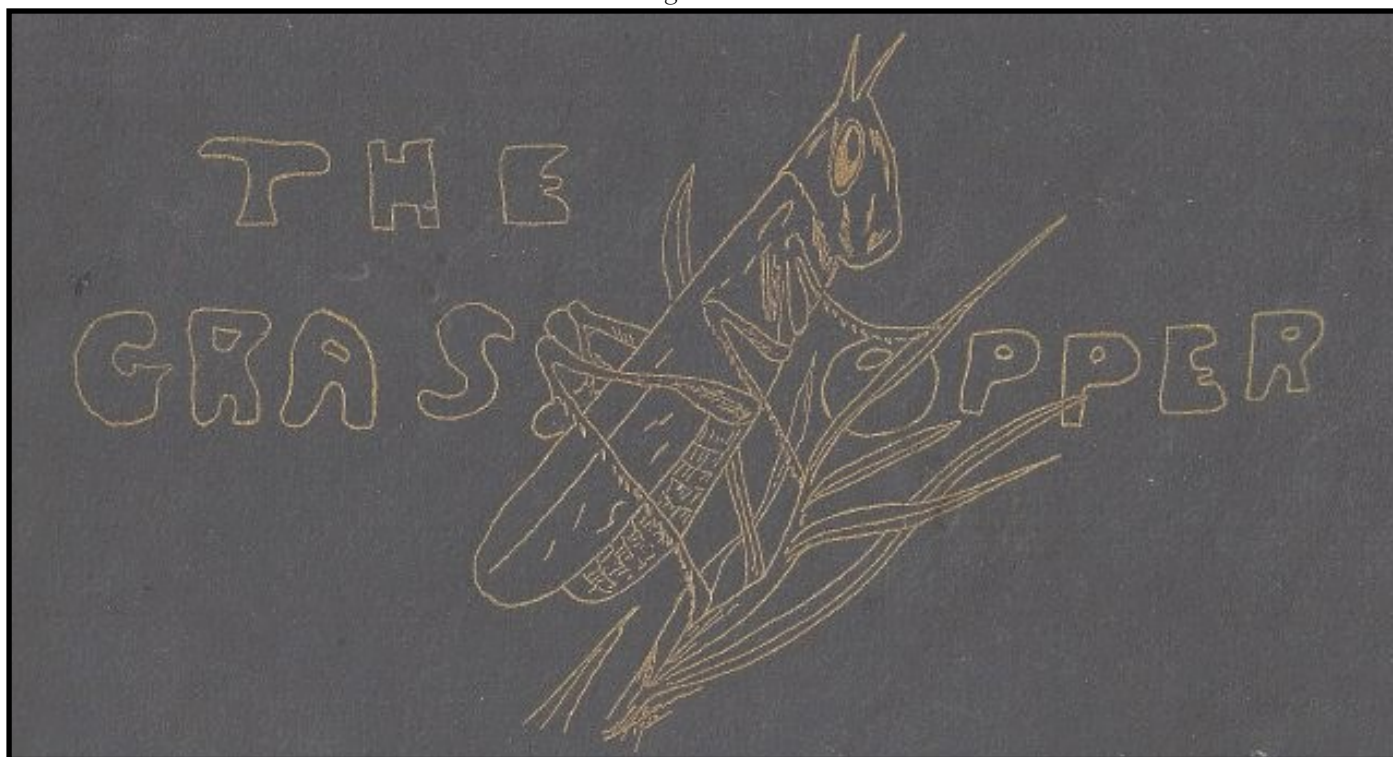
County high school mascot costumes throughout the years. Contact erin@coffeymuseum.org



Top Left: A photo of Larry Skillet as the Wildcat mascot from the 1963 The Master Key yearbook.



Top Right: The current Wildcat mascot. Photo from the USD 244 website from a 2019 basketball game.



Above: 1912-1913 The Grasshopper, Burlington High School yearbook. Cover was designed black and gold, the class colors of the senior class of that year.

Church & School Restoration

The District #44 Rural Dale Schoolhouse was built in 1896 and was located about six miles southeast of Lebo. The school building was moved to the museum's ground in 1996.

The Bethel Church was built in 1895 and was located a few miles west of Burlington. A tornado hit the church in 1896 and the church was built again. The Bethel Church was moved to the museum's grounds in late 1990's.

After years of being located at the museum, the buildings started to settle causing issues with the foundation and damage to the sheetrock inside the buildings. Some of the wood of the siding has deteriorated over time and is in need of replacement.

In 2013, both the church and

school house buildings received a foundation lift. During this time, the splits in the siding on the building were filled to temporarily fix it until the museum has funds to replace the boards in poor condition with new boards.

During the fall and winter of 2019, we had the interior of the church and school house repaired. All of the cracks in the sheetrock from years of the foundation settling were repaired, as well as, paint.

Left on our list to finish the restoration of the buildings is replacing the siding boards of the buildings. It is unknown of the condition of the wood or old termite damage lies beneath the boards. The decorative rock on the foundation of the buildings

also needs repaired. The church needs a window replaced.

If you would like to make a monetary donation towards the restoration, please use the donation form below. A huge thank you to all of those who have already donated and to those who have already attended our fundraisers for the restoration. Those who have graciously donated towards the cause are Joyce Holderby, Kevin & Linda Graber, Cindy Eccles (In Memory of E. Lucille Woods Atherly for Bethel Church) and Margaret O'Leary.

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

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

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Clark, Larry	Herr, Bob	Morey, George	Stukey, Kent
Cochran, Dorothy	Hess, Wayne	Muench, Cheryl	Sunseri, Carol
Cockrell, Gilan	Holderman, Jenifer	Muench, Rick	Trimble, Chuck
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Croll, Susan	Johnson, John E.	Raaf, Harvey G.	Williamson, Mitch
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*new members are bolded

225 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

March

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

April

3- School Tour
9- Board Meeting @ Noon
11-12- Easter Weekend- Museum CLOSED

May

10- Mother's Day
14- Board Meeting @ Noon
25- Memorial Day- Museum CLOSED

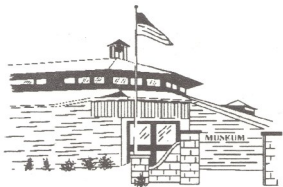
June

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

July

3-5- Independence Weekend- Museum
CLOSED
9- Board Meeting @ Noon

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VIEWING HOURS:

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

**As volunteers are available

Winter Hours: (November to March)

Monday- Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
CLOSED on Weekends and Federal Holidays