



# BARN TALK

LENEXA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## *Children's Old Fashioned Christmas*

Sunday, December 8, youngsters aged 3 to 8 and their smiling parents visited the Legler Barn. The children were guests of LHS at the annual Christmas Party and Teddy Bear Parade.

The "Story Lady", LHS Board member Lorraine Hill, read Christmas stories to the children and kept them enraptured with the traditional stories of Christmas.

Santa charmed each child, coaxed the shy ones as well as the not-so-shy to tell him their Christmas wishes. Santa rewarded each child with an autographed picture of himself and one to color. They also received a candy cane for a treat. Bedecked in his magnificent red costume and white beard, LHS Board member, Irv Hoffmann, proved again to be a Super Santa!

Each child paraded with his or her Teddy Bear accompanied by an "adult bear". It is reported that the big bears were really Thelma Moyer, Jimi Thompson and Julie Moyer who lent their wit and energy to the fun.

LHS past-president Mary Kay Smith was in charge of the overall operation of the event and the refreshments. Newton Smith assisted with setting up and providing coordination of activities. The Smiths also provided the video of Rudolph which the children enjoyed watching.

## 1996 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

**January 23-** General Membership Meeting -  
LEGLER BARN 6:30 p.m. dinner- RSVP  
Program-7:30 p.m. " Trails in Johnson County"  
by Ross Marshall

**Feb 7 - Soup Luncheon** - LHS Fund Raiser  
Community Center 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**March 28** - LHS Membership Meeting -  
**Note: Thursday** at the Senior Center,  
Downtown Lenexa

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**April 26-28** - Annual Plant Sale -Legler Barn  
(Tentative Date) Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park

**May 23** - LHS Membership Meeting -  
**Note: Thursday** at the Senior Center

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**July 1-4 Community Days** - Miss Lenexa -  
Parade Activities

**July 23** - General Membership Picnic Meeting  
at the Park

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**July 26-28** - Great Heritage Trails Festival

**Sept 7 - Spinach Festival** - Craft Fair

**Sept 26 Thur** -General Membership Meeting at  
the Senior Center

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**Nov 19** General Membership Meeting

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**Dec. 7, Sat.** Children's Old Fashioned  
Christmas Party

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

JANUARY 23, 1996

### Santa Fe/Oregon/California Trails in Johnson County

Ross Marshall, Presenter

**Ross Marshall**, a resident of Merriam and a member of the Lenexa Historical Society will speak at the January 23 General Dinner Meeting to be held at the Legler Barn Museum Heritage Room at 7:30 p.m. **Dinner is at 6:30. RSVP**

Mr. Marshall will discuss the Johnson County Trails' routes, also the Territorial and Military roads from Fort Leavenworth south to Fort Gibson in Oklahoma and the function of the Russell Majors Waddell Freight Company. This vast freighting operation contained a number of acres on both sides of the Kansas Missouri state line in the area of 83rd Street.

Ross is currently President of the Santa Fe Trail Association (Int'l) of 2000 members; board member of the Oregon California Trails Association and also past president. More recently he served as the Director of the Alexander Majors Historic House at 83rd and State Line, Kansas City, Missouri.

He is active in several Greater Kansas City historical societies and has been a member of the Kansas State Historical Society for a number of years.

This will be a very informative presentation on the Trails History of this county. With the Great Heartland Trails Festival planned for July 26 - 28, 1996 at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park, you will want to take advantage of this program.

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## LHS BOARD NEWS

### New Officers elected for 1996

At the January 9, 1996, LHS Board meeting, a new slate of officers was selected for the coming year. Elected officers include:

**Bob Lillie**, President; **Irv Hoffmann**, President-Elect; **Jane Klein**, Vice President and **Vance Carns**, Secretary-Treasurer.

Among items discussed at the meeting was a list of projects and improvements presented by President Lillie that the Board will deliberate on and act upon over the next few months. The list of ideas has been compiled from Board and LHS members over the past year.

Lillie pointed out to the Board that the establishment of these prioritized projects will define the near term and long term direction and goals for the Historical Society.

There are many worthwhile projects that the Society can pursue and therefore it is necessary to focus in on those of greatest need and importance if the Historical Society is to fulfill its mission of being "...dedicated to the appreciation, preservation and promotion of Lenexa's historical heritage", Lillie concluded.

### IN SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the Bob and Sue Locher family and also to Marge Roberts, of the Legler Barn Quilters on the death Sunday, January 7, of Sue and Marge's mother, Mrs Hannah Gleason at the Shawnee Gardens, Shawnee, Kansas. Services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 9.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**MARY G. WARNER** Annual Member  
13123 W. 83rd Terrace  
Lenexa, KS 66215 492-3342

**RUTH A. SMITH** Life Member  
9318 Mullen Road  
Lenexa, KS 66215 888-3783

## QUILTERS STITCHES

### 1995 WAS A GREAT YEAR FOR LEGLER BARN QUILTERS.

In January, 1995, we had a double page spread in the Kansas City Magazine. In June we won a prize on our quilt, "Crow's Nest" at the Quilters Unlimited Showcase at Bartle Hall. Steve Baska, editor of the Lenexa Sun, was most kind with several articles about our quilters and our quilting. Best of all, we have had our best year financially, \$2811 of profit!

We laugh a lot, work hard and enjoy our friendships.

We ended the year with 18 great women on our roster (still no men quilters)! However, we lost our beloved Marilyn McLeod on January 7, 1996 and we will mourn for her for a long time. Marilyn was a lovely, beautiful woman, a born fighter, a cheerful sufferer and a gorgeous quilter. She was truly one in a trillion!

*Thelma Moyer, co-chairman*

## SOUP LUNCHEON

The Annual Soup & Homemade Bread Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, February 7, 1996 at the Lenexa Community Center**, 13420 Oak Street, Downtown Lenexa. Serving time will be from **11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

The Soup Luncheon is one of the Lenexa Historical Society's major fund raisers of the year. Proceeds go to support the Historical Programming and Operations of the Museum complex and for the preservation and promotion of Lenexa's historic heritage.

The menu will include: steak soup or ham & bean soup, homemade breads & cornbread, cabbage slaw plus desserts and drinks. A great buy for a \$4.00 donation per person !!!!

If you haven't received tickets in the mail and you want some, please call the Museum at 492-0038. Tickets will also be available at the door. The public is invited and encouraged to attend, so bring your friends and neighbors.

If you are not a member of the Lenexa Historical Society, there will be a membership application table at the luncheon for both new and renewal memberships.

### Question? What was the name of the electric railroad that ran thru Lenexa?

Answer: The Strane Line. Stop out to the Legler Barn Museum and see the Strane Waiting Station and memorabilia

## GENERAL ELECTION NOTES

The **Johnson County Election Office** has announced a new service to voters of the County. A service called "**Advance Voting**" will be available starting 20 days before Election Day. Registered voters may have their ballot mailed to them or the voter may vote in person at the Election Office.

The Application for an Advance Voting Ballot is available at area City Halls and public libraries. The Election Office is located at 2101 E. Kansas City Road, Olathe, and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on Saturday. Their phone number, if you want more information or to order an application, is 782-3441.

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