



From the President

by Katie Evans

My goodness, how this year has flown! My term is almost up, and I want to thank everyone who gave me advice, guidance, help, volunteered, or just made my job a little easier. You are appreciated!

It's hard to believe that it's time once again to elect new board members, and to pay our membership dues. You'll find a dues renewal form on page 2. Note that dues have been raised. The raises are in keeping with other organizations' levels. The board felt the time had come, so Frank Andrews and his committee spent many hours discussing how much to raise them and the benefits that go along with each level of membership. (See page 3 for a related article.) Thanks to Frank and the committee for finalizing this project.

At the September membership meeting, Helen Neubert, Ernestine Johnson, and Mary Jo Jones volunteered to be the Nominating Committee. Although they contacted every member possible, no one is willing to be on the board, much less president. One member, Irv Hoffmann, has volunteered to be a board candidate, and is willing to be president, if elected by the board. That still leaves three vacancies. His wife, Susan, has been filling out a vacated term that expires this year. If Irv is nominated, she will not run herself. She had previously said she would run for a 2-year term starting in 2000.

If there are no candidates nominated by the committee between now and the November membership meeting, then I will take nominations from the floor at the meeting. We need a total of four candidates, 3 for 2-year terms, and 1 to finish out Nancy Heeney's term, which ends 12/31/00. She resigned from the board effective 12/31/99. If you are interested in serving on the board, please arrange for someone to nominate you that night.

The main reason members gave for not wanting to be on the board is time. Either they felt that they didn't have the time, or weren't willing to give that much time to that particular activity. I'll admit, being on the board and being an officer does take time. All things do, that are worth doing.

Others said they didn't understand what the "separation of the Barn and LHS" meant.

November General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, November 16

Program 7:00

Lenexa United Methodist Church

*Wesley Room

9138 Caenen Lake Road

Lenexa, KS

REFRESHMENTS SERVED

*Please enter from the west side parking lot off 91st Terr.

There is no need to phone in your reservations. Our Telephone Committee will call you.

The program will be given by Dr. Francis E. Cuppage. It is titled "The Corps of Discovery: The Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1803-1806."

Dr. Cuppage is a medical doctor, and lives locally. This should be a very interesting program. As always, friends, guests, and anyone interested in history is welcome.

A business meeting is planned from 8:00 to 8:30, followed by refreshments.

Bring a friend, and see you there!

It refers only to separating the accounting of each. (Since the board hasn't received any calls asking about that, we weren't aware there was confusion.)

It is important that one of the board candidates be qualified to be the treasurer for that reason. The board treasurer is responsible for keeping the books of LHS.

A few said they would consider being on the board if the meeting night could be changed. It can, easily.

There won't be a Lenexa Historical Society if we can't muster a governing body. Won't you please review your schedules and see if you can make time to lead our society? If not, we can't fulfill our contract with the city to operate the Barn. Is this the end of the road for LHS?

September Membership Meeting

I asked the membership again to make a decision regarding sponsorship of the crafts/antiques booths. I did so because there were so few volunteers this year for such a big undertaking.
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Lenexa Historical Society Membership Application for Renewals or New Members

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Name(s) _____

Authorized person, if corporation _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Business phone _____

Please mail to LHS, 14907 W. 87th St. Pkwy, Lenexa, KS 66215-4135 by JANUARY 31. Please make checks payable to Lenexa Historical Society. THANK YOU!

President (continued from page 1)

Now that it is known there is a lack of committed volunteers, it was the consensus of the members present to try it for one more year. If the situation doesn't improve, then it will be discussed again.

Since preparations for Spinach begin in January, please volunteer now to be a chairman of one of the following committees: the Spinach Salad, the Spinach Cafe, Wimpy Burgers, or the Crafts/Antiques Booths. You will be given guidance by the former chairman of each committee.

Proposal to Reduce Board

The proposal to reduce the number of board members from 11 to 8 was passed by a

majority vote of the members present.

Board Action

Change in Museum Hours

The board voted to change the Saturday hours to 1:00 to 4:00. The Museum Director, Kiersten Latham, presented statistical evidence that the bulk of Barn visitors comes after 1:00 on Saturdays. This 3-hour reduction in operations will save \$1,266 per year in payroll, plus utilities.

Vote to Hire an Assistant Director

One of the main problems identified this year at LBM is that the Barn employees cannot get as much done as they would like when they have too many duties outside of the work they are supposed to be doing. They have been asking for someone to attend the front desk, serve visitors, do the accounting, etc.

The board voted to hire an Assistant Director, and to hire Jim Peterson to do it because of his previous experience, and expertise in marketing and accounting.

A sheet was passed out at the membership meeting detailing how this can be accommodated by the budget, the hours the AD would work, wages, and responsibilities. If you would like to receive a copy, please call Katie Evans at 268-4606.

Need to Call an Officer/Board Member?	
Pres. Katie Evans	268-4606
Pres.-elect	vacant
Vice Pres. Angelo Miño	438-3364
Sec. Nancy Heeney	888-4059
Treas. Jim Peterson	648-2043
Frank Andrews	894-1376
Susan Hoffman	894-5379
Bill Markman	888-5562
Jim Spait	631-2502
Kenny Reeves	894-9426
Ex-Officio Pat Lierly	888-5645
Legler Barn Museum	492-0038

LHS Raises Dues

It has been many years since the membership dues were raised. The board felt that our dues were too low. In looking at the dues rates of other organizations, it was decided to raise the dues at this rate and to add the following designations:

All Annual Memberships, except Life

- **Single Membership** (Homesteader) \$20
- **Family** (Homesteader) \$30

Benefits: Receives newsletter, 10% discount in Gift Shop, listing in the directory.

- **Life** (Spinach Farmer) \$200-249

Benefits: All of the above, plus listing as life member in the directory, and a free Lenexa Spinach cookbook.

- **Supporting** (Legler Barn Builder) \$250-499

Benefits: All, plus a free LHS t-shirt.

- **Contributing** (Na-Nex-Se) \$500-749

Benefits: All, plus a staff-guided museum tour.

- **Endowing** (Chief Blackhoof's Tribe) \$750+

Benefits: All, plus a pin and a special designation in the directory.

Corporate Memberships

All Annual, except Life

- **Lenexa Station Agent** \$100

Benefits: Newsletter, listing as a corporate member in the directory.

- **Life** (Stonemason) \$1000

Benefits: All of the above, plus listed in the newsletter and directory as an endowing sponsor.

- **Endowing** (Octave Chanute Society) \$2500+

Benefits: All, plus a staff-guided museum tour and an advertisement in the directory.

Please Patronize Our Benefactors

The following businesses help our museum with donations of materials, money, space, or general support. We thank them!

Bank Midwest

Holiday Inn, Lenexa

Hy-Vee

La Superior Tortillas

Mobil Oil Co.

Panzon's Mexican Restaurant

Pizzamaker

Sebring's Interior Decorating Supply

Shop for Christmas at our Gift Shop



The Gift Shop at the Legler Barn Museum has unique gifts for those hard-to-buy-for people on your list. How about a beautiful piece of pottery, made by a talented Kansas artist? These quality pieces are glazed in pretty hues of greens, blues, and amber.

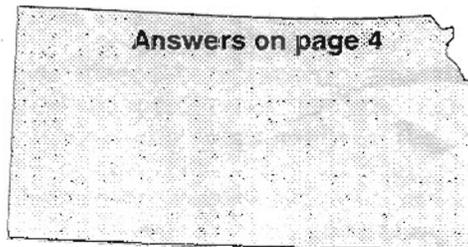
You will also find t-shirts with our Barn logo, and books on local history, historical people, and just plain interesting local people and subjects.

How about a map of the trails that served westward expansion? There is something for everyone on your list. Stop in and shop! LHS members receive a 10% discount!

Lenexa Trivia

1. Shawnee Indians were in Johnson County from the 1820s to the 1870s. What areas of the U.S. were they from?
2. Who was elected constable of a Johnson County community on March 22, 1858?
3. At the height of the railroad's passenger train service through Lenexa, what 3 railroads ran?
4. What year was the ground-breaking and placement of a time capsule held for the new brick railroad depot in downtown Lenexa?
5. Who was Lenexa's first mayor?

Answers on page 4



Johnson County's First Sheriff

This article can be found in its entirety in a book titled "Shawnee Indians, 1820s—1870s," which is in our Heritage Room library at the Barn. It was first published in the "Kansas City Star." No date was included in our copy. Condensed for "BarnTalk" by Katie Evans.

Isaac Parish was not only the first sheriff in the history of Johnson County, but the only Shawnee Indian to ever hold the post. At the age of 32, Isaac was appointed by the First Territorial Legislature. It met at the Shawnee Methodist Mission in July 1855 to organize the populated parts of the territory into counties. Rev. Thomas Johnson, director of the Mission, was president of the group. Isaac worked at the Mission.

Isaac's term lasted 20 months. During that time, the county was still a part of the Shawnee reservation and was not open to white settlers. The few whites who did live on the reservation before 1857 were those connected in some way with the three Indian missions, or who were working with the Shawnees in farming and shop operations. Isaac was one of those white men, but was adopted into the tribe after his marriage to a Shawnee woman.

Isaac's political alliance with the pro-slavery forces controlling the first Legislature helped his appointment a great deal. Many of

the county's first white men, with the exception of those at the Quaker Mission, favored slavery and its extension into the territory.

Isaac and Probate Judge William Fisher were the only officials appointed ~~to~~ to the newly-organized county government. Gum Springs was named the county seat, even though it lacked a courthouse and jail.

In actuality, few people fell under Isaac's jurisdiction. The territory was governed by federal law, which applied only to white men living in the area or passing through. There were few of those.

The Indians, including those adopted, were subject to the laws of their people, which were enforced by the tribal council.

Sheriff Parish had some problems to deal with, though. Squatters were a constant nuisance. There ~~there~~ were the clashes between the anti- and pro-slavery groups.

The white population of modern-day Johnson County grew to 850 men during Sheriff Parish's term, according to the Territorial Census taken in March 1857. That month, Pat Cosgrove was appointed sheriff. He went on to become the first elected sheriff 12 months later.

Most of the Shawnees left the county in 1857 when they were relocated to Indian Territory in what was to become Oklahoma. Isaac Parish went with them to continue to live among his chosen people.

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Answers to Lenexa Trivia

1. Ohio, Arkansas, Cape Girardeau, MO.
2. William "Wild Bill" Hickok.
3. Frisco, 12 daily; Katy, 4 daily; Missouri Pacific, 2 daily.
4. 1986.
5. E. M. Switzer, brother of Clark Switzer, was elected at a city election held in Band Hall on May 4, 1907.