



A Newsletter for Members and Friends of the Lenexa Historical Society

LHS News

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A Presidential Letter

A letter from Alan Uhl



By the time this is published the Lenexa Spinach Festival will be behind us. As usual, LHS volunteers will have operated Spinach Garden Cafe, World's Largest Spinach Salad and the Famous Wimpy Burgers. Tom Gryska and Walt McKenzie coordinated the event and we'll have a complete rundown of the participants in the next Newsletter. We'll be looking forward to helping Sharon Hammontree defend her Championship at the Lenexa Chili Challenge early in October. We'll also be getting ready to help at Rita DeBrabander's 2nd Annual Smoked Pork Chop Dinner Oct. 22 at the VFW. There will be more later about this event which was such a success in its inaugural run last year.

On a blazing hot Saturday, Aug. 2, LHS put on the Annual Ice Cream Social in conjunction with Lenexa's Water Fest. The event was organized by Jane Klein who then got her dates mixed up (or did she?) and was off on a cruise with a couple of grand daughters on Aug. 2. Others jumped in and we owe particular thanks to the volunteers who baked cakes and to Connie Andrews, Kim and Steven Hearn, Becca and Jim Coleman, Nancy Becker, Doug Bartley, Sharon Hammontree, Valerie Jensen and her daughters Christie and Courtney and Jenny Doty. Special thanks also to Lenexa HY-Vee and Brad Kleinschmit through whom Blue Bell Ice Cream and a cooler were provided. Hope we didn't miss anybody

Lenexa Hy-Vee is good friend of Lenexa Historical Society and we should show our appreciation for what they do by shopping there at every opportunity.

Our September General Membership Meeting is our annual visit to Lakeview Village, where we have several members. This is always well attended and interesting. Those who haven't been there for this meeting in previous years are urged to come. See details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Open to the Public -- Free Cancer Screening

Lenexa Lodge # 135 A.F. & A.M., The Kansas Masonic Foundation, and The University of Kansas Medical Center have teamed up to provide a cancer screening clinic. The program offers skin and prostate cancer screenings as well as a risk assessment for breast cancer.

When: Saturday, October 18th, 2008 – Doors Open at 8:00 A.M.

Where: Lenexa Masonic Lodge (94th and Pflumm)
13417 West 94th Street, Lenexa, KS 66215

Everyone is welcome to take advantage of this free service.

For more information, you can visit: <http://www.lenexamasoniclodge.org>

<http://www.kmfonline.org> or e-mail: lenexalodge@jocomasons.org



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THANK YOU

by Connie Andrews

The other day I was thinking about LHS while driving and all the accomplishments that have been made in the 1st half of this year. We are really a lucky organization to have the community behind us as well as wonderful volunteers. In February we had the annual Soup Luncheon and Walt McKenzie and his crew of volunteers raised over \$2,800 for the society. Thanks to them and the businesses that contributed generous donations.

In May we celebrated our 25th Anniversary of the reconstruction of the Legler Barn. The committee who planned and brought this event off managed to plan a wonderful diverse daylong event without costing the society a penny. We want to thank four Lenexa merchants for their generous contributions to this event. Without their contributions this day would never have happened. Thanks to the 25th anniversary committee.

BBQ Contest brought us another chance to make money for the society. Dorothy Rose and her crew brought in \$1966. Parking cars for 2 days in the heat and humidity is not necessarily an easy task. However, Dorothy and her parking crew keep responding to the task. Thanks to Dorothy and her parking crew.

This "Thank You" also includes all the volunteers who work at other events during the year. Someone organizes our bi-monthly newsletter and our dinner meetings with a program. We have quite a few volunteers working on preserving our history at the museum as well as digitization of pictures for web pages and photo and recorded history of individuals around town. Bi-annual visits to the schools involves time for several volunteers and the city employees who present the children with history. And then there are the volunteers who help give tours at the Museum, Depot and Covered Wagon for the organizations who wish to visit the Museum.

At the time I write this we still have three major events coming up that will involve volunteers making money for the society. They are the Ice-Cream Social at the Waterfest, Spinach Festival and the Pork Chop Dinner in October. All this money and the volunteer help make it possible for us to have programs at our dinner meetings as well as money to spend on exhibits at the museum and to keep the Legler Barn functioning to keep our history safe and available to the public.

September LHS General Meeting

Southridge, Treetop Room, 5th Floor

DEADLINE for next issue
November/December

LHS News articles

is 10 a.m. October 28th

Lenexa Historical Society

Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Lakeview Village

9100 Park

Southridge, Treetop Room, 5th Floor

Program: 7:15 p.m.

KANSAS IN THE 1920'S

Presented by: Fred Krebs



Fred Krebs is a popular professor of history and the humanities at the Johnson County Community College. He is a well known speaker throughout Johnson County and for the Kansas Humanities programs.

Call for reservations:
913-498-8117

Free Will Donation
Everybody is Welcome!
Bring a guest and receive a gift.

WaterFest / Ice-cream Social

August 2, 2008



I am going to take it nice and easy.



I believe we are going in circles.



I want one of those blue bags that says it's green.



King of the hill -- George Arnold.



Lazy day of summer.



Let me out of here.



Let's see how do I do this.



Clean Water a Healthier Life.



Look at me mom.



Man made summer shower.



Sing Sing Abbey Road



That was a long tunnel.

Photo Gallery

by Marvin and Sharon and Hammontree



Yeh for the US Army Corps of Engineers.



There has to be a fish in this lake I hope!



This is a snake wanting to get out of here already.



This is the best location for the tree.



What should I make?



Wheeeeeeeeeeeeeeee!



What did you say about me to those girls?



We all scream for ice-cream and cake.



Wow! We have grilled 999 hotdogs so far. Only 151 to go.

quilters corner

by Kathy Delaney

I am an author, lecturer and teacher of quilt making. In 2003 I was working on my fourth book to be published by The Kansas City Star Books. The subject of the quilt was an appliqué series that was designed by Eveline Foland and had run in *The Kansas City Star* in 1932, called "Horn of Plenty." I had decided to redraw the patterns, bringing them into the future and so called the quilt "Horn of Plenty for a New Century." While I had done all the appliqué by hand myself, I needed help getting it quilted in time for publication.

I work with Jeanne Poore, a Legler Barn quilter, at Prairie Point Quilts, a quilting supply store in Shawnee, KS. She and I had often talked about her hand quilting group at the Legler Barn. I had often wished I could join the group as it sounded like a nice group of quilters, but I didn't really do much hand quilting and didn't particularly care for it when I did. Besides, they quilt on a frame and that just wasn't something I thought I was capable of doing

I asked Jeanne if my "Horn of Plenty" quilt could be put on the schedule so the quilters could help me get it finished. Alas, I was told "no." For some reason, it seemed that the idea the quilt was for a book put the quilters into a quandary, so I was refused. However, a member of the quilters, agreed to quilt the piece for me. In an unexpected turn of events, she sadly passed away before starting the project. I was in a panic. The publication date was looming and the quilt was not finished!

I don't really know what the conversations might have been, but the quilters must have felt sorry for me and relented. They agreed I could have the quilt stitched at The Barn. I used the opportunity to join the quilters. I thought I should participate and help – mostly out of gratitude – but since I had wanted to join for years, I thought maybe this would be a way to get "in." Surely they would accept me while they worked on my quilt!

In all, we put 495 "woman hours" into the hand quilting of the "Horn of Plenty for a New Century," meeting Wednesdays from 10 a.m. and working until 2 p.m., stopping for lunch. In those many hours I formed some lasting friendships as can only happen around the quilt frame, friendships I value highly. And I have discovered I actually like to quilt – thanks to the Legler Barn Quilters!



Elaine Pegram, Beverly Zavadil, Roseanne Troxer, Merry Feagins, Iris Neelley, Jeanne Poore, Linda Mooney, Phyllis Bartels, Barbara Mitchell

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 5306 Park
 Shawnee, KS 66216

PORK CHOP DINNER

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

VFW Bldg. 95th & Pflumm

CHILI CHALLENGE

Saturday, October 18, 2008

in downtown Lenexa

More information about upcoming events on our web-site: www.lenexahistoricalsociety.org

Enjoy Breakfast with LHS

Join us for FOOD and FUN conversation

Where: Hy-Vee, 87th and Pflumm
 Time: 9:00 a.m.
 When: second Saturday of each month

<u>2008</u>		<u>2009</u>	
Sept. 13	Nov. 8	Jan. 10	March 14
Oct. 11	Dec.	Feb. 14	April 11

LHS Monthly Breakfast Reminder

If you would like to receive an email reminder prior to our monthly breakfasts, contact Katie Evans at:

katiesevans@sbcglobal.net or 913-390-5131

Join the Lenexa Historical Society or Renew Your Membership



Lenexa Historical Society Membership Application for Renewals or New Members

Single \$20 Family \$30 Corporate \$250
 Single Life \$200 Family Life \$300 Corporate Life \$2500

Name _____

Authorized person, if corporation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Other Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Please mail to: LHS, 14907 W. 87th St. Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66215

Make checks payable to: Lenexa Historical Society. Thank you!

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the appreciation, preservation and promotion of
Lenexa's Historical heritage.*

SPINACH FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 6, 2008

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

at

Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park

Located at 87th Street Parkway & Lackman Rd in Lenexa, KS

For more information call: (913) 492-0038



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