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Todd's thoughts...



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Our first two events of 2012 have started us off on the right foot. I've had the pleasure to meet with many of you at our Community Soup Luncheon and March General Meeting, both of which were well attended. We also kicked-off the annual Passport to Adventure program, a community wide activity geared to attract visitors to local area natural and historical sites, such as our Legler Barn Museum.

At our March General Meeting, the LHS membership approved the 2012 Board of Directors, see column on left, and the Board also

presented the 2012 Operational Plan which includes:

- Member related projects: membership & Movies in the Park
- Legler Barn Museum exhibits: Legler Barn Quilters & Scouting in Lenexa
- Passport to Adventure
- Fund Internship to develop new exhibits from existing collection
- Continue digital archiving and publishing of historical photos & now videos on LHS website
- Learning About Lenexa in conjunction with City of Lenexa
- LHS General Meetings (quarterly): educational & guest speakers.

As the Board looks to expand the reach of our organization through increased membership and volunteer opportunities, I would ask that you invite friends & family to join us

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Lenexa Historical Society
General Meeting
Lenexa United Methodist Church

Thursday, May 24th at
Lenexa United Methodist Church
9138 Caenen Lake Rd, Lenexa, KS

POTLUCK: 6:30pm
A-I Salad or Vegetable Dish
J-R Dessert of Fruit Dish
S-Z Meat Entree

Program: 7:15 PM

Tom Zart,
The Westport Poet

Love and Patriotism

It's appropriate and symbolic that the romantic poet Tom Zart was born on Valentines Day in Topeka, Kansas in 1945. A current Lenexa

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May 2012

April 2012 LHS Activities:
 April 4th—LHS Board Mtg 7pm
 April 14th—Breakfast at Hyvee

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3LHS Board Meeting, 7pm	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Breakfast at HyVee 9am
13	14	15	16	17	18 Movie in the Park "Grease" Electric Park 8:30pm, LHS selling drinks & snacks. Part of Lenexa May is Mu- sic month	19
20	21	22	23	24 Potluck 6:30pm and LHS Gen Mtg at LUMC — Tom Zart Poetry (Patriotic & Love poems)	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7 LHS Board Meeting, 7pm	8	9 Breakfast at HyVee 9am
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Lenexa BBQ Battle LHS directing Parking Lot—fundraiser	23 Lenexa BBQ Battle LHS directing Parking Lot—fundraiser
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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resident, Tom is a history buff and addicted romantic, began writing poems about love, religion and patriotism. His early inspiration came working as a railroad yard conductor for 30 years. Zart would utilize his time on those long railroad trips gleaning all that he could from his senses: the haunting sound of the train, its whistle and the long hours just gazing out at the sunset and the pastoral settings fleeting by, while taking notes from the stories heard from his coworkers, the railroad veterans, telling story after story of those glory days of the iron horse. Years later he would listen in awe of the true horror stories of war from the veterans who lived them, especially those who fought in Vietnam.

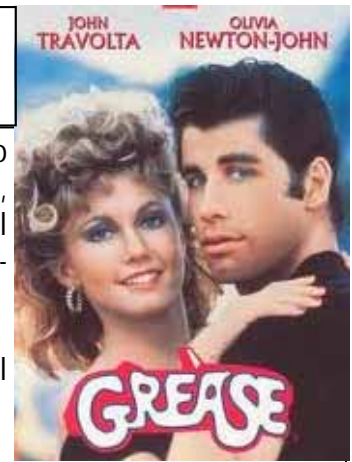


Come out to the LHS May General Meeting on Thursday, May 24th to hear a collection of poems recited by Tom Zart.

Movie in the Park, GREASE May 18, Electric Park

The City of Lenexa invites you to bring your blanket or lawn chairs to Electric Park (just north of 95th St. & Loiret) and enjoy the musical, "Grease" (rated PG) on the big screen under the stars. The movie will begin when it gets dark, approximately 8:30 p.m. This event is made possible with the support of the Lenexa Arts Council.

There is no charge to attend and view the movie. The Lenexa Historical Society will be selling concessions as a fundraiser during this event.



2012 Haskin-Williams-Andrews LHS Spirit Award

This award was initiated by Connie Andrews and first awarded in January 2007. In Connie's words: "This award is to honor the memories of my grandparents, Maud and E. Harley Haskin, my parents, Genevieve and Dwight Williams and my husband, Frank Andrews. They all had a dedicated desire to make Lenexa a better place to live and a thriving interest in the history of Lenexa". The award will be made each year at the first Membership Meeting to the individual or couple that has done the

most for the society and represents the "Spirit of the Lenexa Historical Society".



In presenting this year's award to SHARON HAMMONTREE, Connie commented on how well deserving Sharon is of the award, of Sharon's countless years of behind-the-scenes work to the Society, and how she has taken an ownership and pride in maintaining the quality exhibits in the Legler Barn Museum for the last 18 years.

Thank you and congratulations to Sharon for all the hard work and dedication she has provided to the Lenexa Historical Society.

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at an upcoming Society event or function. If they can't make the next meeting, keep asking, I'm sure something will peak their interest. Along those lines, enclosed please find a Member Survey to help us continue delivering meaningful programs and identify needed volunteer resources.

Thank you to our Legler Barn Quilters for their quilting exhibit on display through April 13th and be sure to visit the Barn's next exhibit: "Scouting in Lenexa".

Finally, you might enjoy a FREE showing of the movie Grease, starring John Travolta & Olivia Newton-John, May 18th at Electric Park. The movie starts at sun-down (around 8:30pm) and LHS will sell concessions (snacks & drinks) as a fundraiser, so bring your blankets or lawn chairs for a night of entertainment.

Thank you for your continued support, I hope to see you soon.

Todd Crow, President
Lenexa Historical Society

Enjoy Breakfast with Your LHS Friends

Join us for FOOD and FUN conversation at 9:00am on the second Saturday of each month at Hy-Vee (87th & Pflumm). We have a lot of fun talking and eating! Buy your meal and drag more tables together as people arrive.

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

2012

Jan. 14	May 12	Sep. 8
Feb. 11	June 9	Oct. 13
Mar. 10	July 14	Nov. 10
Apr. 14	Aug. 11	Dec. 8



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 West 87th Street Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66215

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

Meet new board member John Keenan



Rod Booth & new board member John Keenan

Our new board member John Keenan works at CenturyLink locally with fellow board member Todd Crow. After being asked to help out with a few activities, John became a Lifetime member of the Lenexa Historical Society and graciously agreed to serve on the LHS Board of Directors.

John is originally from Pittsburg, PA and resided in Florida prior to Kansas. John spends his time at the gym and enjoys local history.

Upcoming events and volunteer needs

LUMC Art Fair & Open House:
Volunteers to hand out Museum Brochures & goody bags.

Movie in the Park, May 18
Volunteers to sell candy, snacks & drinks during movie.

The Great Lenexa BBQ Battle
Volunteers needed Friday, June 22 & Saturday, June 23 to direct cars at LHS Parking Lot.

If you can assist with any events, please contact the Barn at 913-492-0038 or send us an e-mail at:

info@leglerbarn.org

Meet new board member Judi Derks

Judi Derks has lived in Lenexa for 16 years. She is a 2005 graduate of Leadership Lenexa, past board member of Leadership Lenexa Alumni, served on the Lenexa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, former Ambassador with the Lenexa Chamber of Commerce, Lenexa BBQ Ambassador, Lifetime Kansas PTA member, chairperson of many PTA committees at every school her children have attended over the years; currently serving as treasurer of SM West PTSA. Judi is a volunteer at the Cross-Lines food kitchen and a regular blood donor. Her hobbies include shopping, gardening, estate sales and cheering on her MU Tigers.



Judi has been married to Clif for 25 years. They met at MIZZOU where they both graduated in 1986. They are active members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Lenexa. They have 3 daughters; Meredith, 23, a 2007 graduate of SM West & a 2011 graduate of UMKC; Alli, 21, a 2009 graduate of SM West, currently a junior at ku and Natalie, 15, a freshman at SM West. Judi has operated her own business, Effective Promotions & Incentives, selling promotional products and decorated apparel for almost 20 years. She is also the office manager for Clif's business, D & R Packaging.

Judi credits her love of history to her Grandparents and parents through their telling, and often re-telling, of family stories and carrying on traditions. She looks forward to helping make sure Lenexa's stories continue to be told.



LHS at
Bass Pro:
Passport
to
Adventure



What's been happen

See more pictures (and videos) online: <http://>



LHS Soup Luncheon
February 2012



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LHS General Meeting
March 2012



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**Legler Barn Museum
Gift Shop & Research Library**

Hours of Operation:
Tuesday – Saturday 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
Closed Sunday & Monday
and City holidays

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www.lenexahistoricalsociety.org

lenexahistoricalsociety.shutterfly.com
(photos & videos)

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We Invite YOU to Join OUR Team

Volunteers play a crucial role in the daily operations of the Legler Barn Museum. We invite you to become a part of our volunteer staff, whether it's providing one hour a month or fifty. Every Volunteer can be a part of the Legler Barn Museum by assisting in various roles, whether working with the public or behind the scenes.

- Administrative
- Computer Projects
- Tour Program
- Library
- Gardening
- Speakers Bureau
- Smoked Pork Chop Dinner
- Community Soup Luncheon
- Special Day and Evening Events

Volunteer Benefits:

- Complimentary admission to the Museum
- 10% discount in the Museum Store
- Volunteer and Tour Training
- Training opportunities through NonProfit Connect
- Outstanding Volunteer Recognition
- Special invitations to Exhibits/Events
- Opportunities to meet new and interesting people with similar interests
- Inner satisfaction from volunteering

**Come by the Barn to pickup additional information
or inquire about being a volunteer.**