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The Lenexa Historical Society is dedicated to the appreciation, preservation and promotion of Lenexa's historical heritage through management of the Legler Barn Museum and Lenexa Train Depot.

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# LHS News

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## Todd's thoughts...



Todd Crow  
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The LHS booths and museum at the Spinach Festival were buzzing with excitement. Our Spinach Café, World's Largest Spinach Salad, and Wimpy Burger booths all had record sales, and our new Spinach Salad bowl was a big hit. We also had the Frisco Train Depot open and Conestoga "Prairie Schooner" Wagon on display, with Angelo Mino giving a live trail demonstration in costume. At the Legler Barn Museum we had 409 visitors. YES—that's a record, more than double any prior attendance day. Thank you to the many LHS volunteers and members that donated their time & food to help make this such a success.

Next up—Lenexa Chili Challenge, on Oct 19/20. Please join us both days as on Friday we get together from 6-9 p.m. around a fire pit for some chili & brownies and watch fireworks at 8 p.m.. On Saturday Sharon Hammontree will defend her title as "Best Home-style Chili." Come on out, all are welcome and bring a friend or relative.

Special visitors will be arriving from back east — On October 22 & 24 Jeanne Gehret, Susan B. Anthony historical performer, and Carol Crossed, president of the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum. They will be giving two presentations: "Failure is Impossible," Mon. Oct. 22, 7 p.m. at the Lenexa Conference Center, and "Witty & Wise: Postcard Persuasion," Wed., Oct. 24, 6:00 p.m. during LHS' Annual

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LHS News is published quarterly by the Lenexa Historical Society.

### Legler Barn Museum Gift Shop & Research Library

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

Contact us: 913-492-0038  
 Comments: info@leglerbarn.org

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 www.leglerbarn.org  
 www.lenexahistoricalsociety.org

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 www.leglerbarn.org/join/

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 -Legler Barn Museum

## 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.

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## Lenexa Historical Society General Meeting Lenexa United Methodist Church

Thursday, November 15th at  
 Lenexa United Methodist Church  
 9138 Caenen Lake Rd, Lenexa, KS

POTLUCK: 6:30pm, per last name:  
 A-I Meat Entrée,  
 J-R Salad or Vegetable,  
 S-Z Dessert

Program: 7:15 PM

Hussar Knights of Eastern Europe  
 By Michael Sieczkowski

Mike will share with us a presentation about the Hussars, arguably the best cavalry of their day and possibly the best the world had known thru the 16th & 17th centuries. As described by Mike:

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# Hang This Calendar On Your Fridge

## OCTOBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 LHS Board Meeting	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 LHS @ Lenexa Chili Challenge	20 LHS @ Lenexa Chili Challenge
21	22 Susan B. Anthony Presentation*	23	24 LHS Pork Chop Dinner & "Witty & Wise"	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## NOVEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>New Legler Barn Museum exhibits starting November:</b> "Susan B. Anthony Amendment / Winning the Vote Wall" "Women in Lenexa"			1 LHS Board Meeting	2	3
4	5 100th Anniv. of Equal Suffrage in Kansas	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 LHS Gen. Mtg. Potluck & Program @ LUMC	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Old Town Lighting	

### Please attend your upcoming Lenexa Historical Society Events:

Oct. 19 & 20, **Lenexa Chili Challenge** in Old Town Lenexa at Santa Fe Trail Drive & Pflumm Road, 6 p.m. Friday (8 p.m. fireworks) & ALL DAY Saturday. Sharon will defend her title as best "Home Style Chili".

Oct. 22, "**Failure is Impossible**" with award-winning author and historical performer Jeanne Gehret portraying **Susan B. Anthony\***, 7 p.m. at Lenexa Conference Center (College Blvd. & Lackman Rd.). A free event; all are welcome. Anniversary cake & punch to be served.

Oct. 24, **Smoked Pork Chop Dinner & "Witty & Wise: Postcard Persuasion\*,"** By Carol Crossed, President, Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum, Adams, MA, 6 p.m. at VFW Post (95<sup>th</sup> & Pflumm), Tickets \$9 at Legler Barn Museum.

Nov. 15, LHS General Meeting, "**Hussar Knights of Eastern Europe,**" By Mike Sieczkowski, 6:30 p.m. potluck, per your last name, bring: A-I Meat Entrée, J-R Salad or Vegetable, S-Z Dessert or Fruit, at the Lenexa United Methodist Church (LUMC), 9138 Caenen Lake Rd. in Old Town Lenexa

\* Programs celebrating the 100th anniversary of Kansas passing the Equal Suffrage amendment. Kansas was the eighth state granting women the right to vote, eight years before the 19th amendment to the U.S. constitution.

## DECEMBER 2012

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Smoked Pork Chop Dinner. These special programs celebrate the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote in Kansas. Kansas was the eighth state giving women the right to vote, eight years ahead the national Susan B. Anthony amendment (19th amendment) to the U.S. constitution. Please come out for these wonderful presentations. LHS will also be unveiling several **new exhibits at the Legler Barn Museum**, including "Women in Lenexa" showcasing Na Nex Se, the City's namesake, along with Mayor's Johnna Lingle and Joan Bowman, retiring Police Chief Ellen Hanson, and other notable women in Lenexa. One part of these exhibits is already on display, as the Legler Barn Quilters have begun their work completing a replica of Susan B. Anthony's LeMoyné Star quilt.

Please join us at these events, and invite a friend to become a member of LHS.

Todd Crow, President, Lenexa Historical Society

### LHS Member News

Bringing you updates about your friends  
in the Lenexa Historical Society

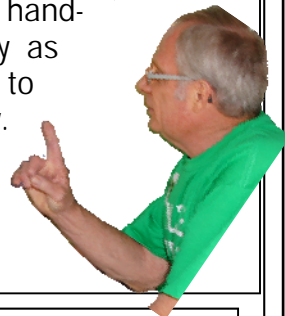


Congratulations to LHS member Nancy Huckaba, on right, who took 1st place in the dessert category of the Spinach Recipe Contest with her entry "Popeye's Delight Ice Cream." Way to go Nancy!

Here's how small the world is...board member Alan Uhl knew a Betty Jean (Anders) Macaulay, the mother of new board member Ann Thomas, from when Alan went to Penn State College (back in the day).

On a sad note, LHS member Norm Keech, passed away on July 21, 2012. His obituary can be found at: <http://www.amosfamily.com/2012/07/norman-eugene-keech/>

Our LHS Treasurer Doug Bartley is handing over the reigns to Bob McCoy as Doug and Linda will be moving to Jefferson City, MO to be near family. If you see Doug at an upcoming meeting, and know of someone looking to buy a house (his is up for sale), be sure to mention it to Doug.



LHS members Bruce & Lina Daniel spent "Ten days worth of cooking, cleaning, giving advise & support in Michigan" for their new granddaughter Remington Lynn Beckett. They were exhausted when they returned home.

LHS member and historian Beryl Hennigh has moved out of town to Osawatomie. Her forwarding address is:

Beryl Hennigh  
Vintage Park @ Osawatomie  
1520 Parker Avenue  
Osawatomie, KS 66064  
(913) 755-2164

If you have any updates you'd like to include in an upcoming issue of LHS news, please send a note to Todd Crow: [todd@leglerbarn.org](mailto:todd@leglerbarn.org) or call the barn at 913-492-0038. Pictures are welcome.

THE LENEXA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Lenexa & CITY OF LENEXA  
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PRESENT

# "Failure is Impossible"

Please join us in celebrating the centennial anniversary of Equal Suffrage in Kansas.

Kansas was the eighth state to grant women the right to vote in 1912.

Featuring Jeanne Gehret as  
**Susan B. Anthony**

Monday, October 22, 2012  
7:00 p.m. program

followed by anniversary cake & punch

Location: Lenexa Conference Center  
11184 Lackman Road, Lenexa, KS  
(SW corner Lackman & College)

A free event.  
All are welcome.

FOR INFO: LEGLER BARN MUSEUM  
913-492-0038  
WWW.LEGLERBARN.ORG

New exhibits starting  
November 2012 at the  
**Legler Barn Museum**

- "SBA's LeMoyné Star quilt," & live demonstration by the Legler Barn Quilters, Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.;
- "Winning the Vote Wall" featuring Susan B. Anthony;
- "Women in Lenexa" showcasing Na Nex Se, Lenexa's namesake and other notable women in Lenexa, including retiring Police Chief Ellen Hanson.



In her costumed presentation "Failure is Impossible," Jeanne Gehret takes on the persona of Susan B. Anthony eight years after she cast her vote in 1872. She details social conditions at the time, with a backdrop of archival 19th century photos setting the scene. "Miss Anthony" reflects on her many trips to Kansas to visit family, work with slaves after the war, and campaign for suffrage.

Jeanne travels to us from Rochester, NY and is the award-winning author of Susan B. Anthony and Justice For All. Through her affiliation with the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum in Adams, MA, she has portrayed Miss Anthony on numerous occasions.

Also attend:  
"Witty & Wise: Postcard Persuasion" at the Lenexa Historical Society's Annual Smoked Pork Chop Dinner, Wed. Oct. 24, 6 p.m., VFW Hall (95th & Pflumm). Tickets \$9, available at the Legler Barn Museum.

Visit the **Legler Barn Museum**  
14907 West 87th St. Pkwy., Lenexa, KS  
(in Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park / Lackman & 87th St.)  
Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Admission: FREE.  
913-492-0038

Become a member: [www.leglerbarn.org/join/](http://www.leglerbarn.org/join/)





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Mike on Max. Please join us for the LHS November General Meeting—Hussar Knights of Eastern Europe, Lenexa United Methodist Church, 9138 Caenen Lake Rd, Lenexa, KS, 6:30 p.m. potluck (per your last name): A-I Meat Entrée, J-R Salad or Vegetable, S-Z Dessert or Fruit

The United States was settled by people of all cultures looking for a better future based on life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Our founding fathers were willing to sacrifice their wealth, their way of life, and even their own personal safety so that this nation could be born. Lenexa is a microcosm of that ideal with many of her sons and daughters volunteering to sacrifice their lives in the defense of their homes from before the Civil War to the current conflicts across the world. Although America was the first major nation to codify these ideals in a written Constitution, the commitment to freedom and sacrifice for country has its

roots in a number of other places in the world. One of those places was the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth of the 16th and 17th centuries and the heart of her defense was the Hussars. Please join Mike Sieczkowski as he presents to LHS the Hussars – those elite volunteers who dedicated their lives to their homeland. and admired throughout Europe for their courage and tenacity. Stories of their victorious charges have been passed on for over 400 years.

### Meet new Board Member Bob McCoy

Bob McCoy is a local CPA and a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Bob will be taking on the role of LHS Treasurer, as our current Treasurer, Doug Bartley will be moving to Jefferson City soon. Bob enjoys long walks on the beach, while promoting the Lenexa Historical Society with his new "I LIKE SPINACH" t-shirt.



Bob McCoy of Lenexa, KS

### Meet new Board Member Ann Thomas

Ann Macaulay Thomas is our newest Board Member. Ann grew up in Louisiana and has also lived and worked in Texas and Utah. Ann is married to Bruce Thomas, and has 2 daughters who attend Shawnee Mission West. She is involved with mission work at St. Paul's United Methodist Church and volunteers with numerous high school groups including the SMW Booster Club, Cheer Booster Club, Site Council and PTSA. She is also team manager for her daughter's U16 club soccer team. She enjoys LSU Football, attending Sporting KC games, all West high school sports and outdoor photography. She is a huge fan of Lenexa and supports all its festivals. She is currently a pre-k teacher at St. Paul's United Methodist church. Previously she has been an animal research scientist and adjunct professor at Utah State University, taught college biology in Gatesville, TX and middle school science. Ann is looking forward to increasing her participation in the Spinach Festival, BBQ festival and all the other activities LHS is involved in.



Ann Thomas of Lenexa, KS

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## Welcome new members

Please be sure to introduce welcome and introduce yourself to our new LHS members:

### Honorary Memberships\*:

- Kelly Ashton           Alicce Robbins
- Lang Davis             Hazel Soper
- Kathy Delaney        Betty Strand
- Merry Feagins        Mary Strege
- Linda Mooney         Rosanne Troxel
- Jeanne Poore         Pat White
- Beverly Zavadil

\*Honorary Memberships granted to members of the Legler Barn Quilters—for their continued dedication and service in support of the Lenexa Historical Society and the Legler Barn Museum.

### Individual Memberships:

- Robert McCoy
- Camille Szczesny

### Family Memberships:

- Ann & Bruce Thomas (and Betty & Tori)
- Susan, Riichiro & Keiko Suzuki

New LHS Directory coming in 2013. Please send any updates or changes to LHS 14907 W. 87th St. Pkway. Lenexa, KS 66215 or email info@leglerbarn.org

Please invite a friend to join.

## 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](mailto:katiesevans@sbcglobal.net) or 913-390-5131

### 2012

<b>Jan. 14</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>Sep. 1</b>
<b>Feb. 11</b>	<b>June 9</b>	<b>Oct. 13</b>
<b>Mar. 10</b>	<b>July 14</b>	<b>Nov. 10</b>
<b>Apr. 14</b>	<b>Aug. 11</b>	<b>Dec. 8</b>



## Join the Lenexa Historical Society or Renew Your Membership online with a credit card at: [www.leglerbarn.org/join/](http://www.leglerbarn.org/join/)

Or complete the following Lenexa Historical Society Membership Application and drop off at the Barn or mail with a check:

- 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 87<sup>th</sup> Street Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66215  
Make checks payable to: Lenexa Historical Society. Thank you!

# The SBA LeMoyne Star Quilt



# LHS Ice Cream Social at Waterfest



# LHS at the 29th Annual Lenexa Spinach Festival

More photos at: <http://bit.ly/QZRBs0>

