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JUNE MEETING

Photo Show & Tell

June 27 6:00 PM

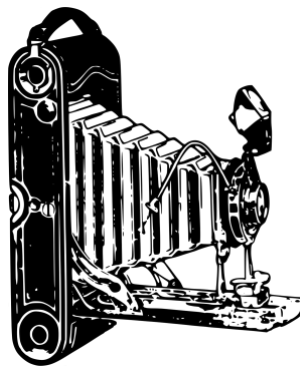
871 150th Road, Bendena

Do you have "old" pictures of one of our Doniphan County towns? Of course, "old" is in the eye of the beholder. To some of us that could mean the 1870s, and to others it might mean the 1970s! We are asking everyone to bring a couple of old photos of your community to share.

The meeting Thursday, June 27 will be held at home of Virginia Cluck, 871 150th Road in Bendena at her event space. We will also be given a tour of the barn on the Cluck place - a Fulton barn well over 100 years old! Refreshments will be provided.

The location can be reached on 150th Road, about three miles west of K7, OR by way of Bendena and Friendship Road.

Questions? Call President Todd Miller at 913-426-1913.



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MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2024

President Todd Miller welcomed the 27 individuals present and our speakers. The meeting was opened with a couple of jokes. Reminder that June 8 and June 22 will be workdays at the museum in the mornings.

Vicki Jones introduced our two speakers from the Pony Express Museum in St Joseph, MO; Cindy Daffron, Executive Director of the Museum and Jackie Lewin, a very knowledgeable volunteer at the museum. They spoke of the Pony Express Trail and delivering of the mail by the riders. They displayed a map of the stations located along the Pony Express Trail in Kansas, as well as other items. The trail was 2000 miles with approximately 170 stations and consists of many traces, structures, graves, landmarks, and markers on the landscape. Horses were changed every 10 miles and riders every 100 miles. Those in attendance provided many stories and exchanges regarding the trail, as well as questions. To date the museum has collected stories and history on 22 of the riders, and some original documents. A big thank you to Cindy and Jackie for the informative presentation. Be sure to visit the Pony Express Museum. There are many activities – family days, pony camps, day camps, etc., as well as numerous exhibits they are constantly researching and building. Visitors from many states attend every year. The Pumpkin Fest is their annual fundraiser.

Business meeting:

President Todd Miller called the meeting to order. Thank you to Vicki Jones for the refreshments.

Todd continues being in contact and working with the Kansas Byways regarding the signage at Iowa Point.

Margaret will be attending the June 8 workday and demonstrate how to digitize and store photos and documents, as we continue this project.

Corky provided an update on the house. The house has been power washed for \$200 and painting has started on the top half. Discussion of the condition of the windows in the house. The wood around the windows is very wet and needing replacement/repair. Corky has purchased paint and glazing materials but we will wait until information is received from the State. Kent Symms moved and Mike Holt seconded the motion for the officers to contact the Kansas State Historical and obtain specifics on what can be done with the Baker House and what grants might be available. Motion carried. Todd will contact the State.

Our internet is presently through Cricket and payment is required by debit card. The monthly charge goes to Todd's debit card, and he submits a bill for reimbursement to the Treasurer. In December Todd's card was hacked and canceled; thus the internet was as well. We had to renegotiate the contract which is now \$59 monthly, compared to \$39 monthly previously.

Discussion of the Historical Society having their own debit card.

Discussion of a Mission statement, liability, collection and disposal policy, ways to enhance our seating in the museum and create space, better accessibility such as the addressing the dark areas outside the museum, need for more members, etc. Anna has the Articles of Incorporation and a listing of the Artifact Inventory. She will look if there is a Collections Policy in the information she has. Corky advised the Historical Society has a 100-year lease on the museum and Baker House that started in 1990 with Doniphan County. The City of Troy pays for the water and electricity and has provided tree removal services when needed. The County holds the liability for the property; however, there is no insurance in the event of fire, etc. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

BARNOLOGY - GLOSSARY OF BARN TERMINOLOGY

Since we will be viewing a barn, here are some terms to help you understand what you're looking at. This glossary found on KansasBarnAlliance.org is from a larger one compiled by Kyle Peterson, Beloit, KS. Kyle serves on the Advisory Committee of the Kansas Barn Alliance.

BANK BARN-Two level barn whose upper level is entered from a bank or hillside or by a ramp constructed against the barn.

BATTEN-A narrow board used to cover gaps between siding boards or sheathing; also used to brace and stiffen boards joined edge-to-edge as in a batten door.

BAY-Area of a building, physically defined and used for specific functions.

BENT-Heavy timber framework section of barn's superstructure, which is connected to similar sections to complete the barn frame.

BENT CONFIGURATION-Pattern produced by posts, tie beams, and braces of an assembled bent.

BOX STALL-A walled enclosure in which an animal can move about untethered.

CANTILEVERED-Supported by beams that extend from the supported feature (e.g., a forebay) back beneath the superstructure of a building.

COLLAR (Collar tie)-A horizontal member connecting and stabilizing rafter pairs. It may be in compression to prevent rafters from sagging or in tension to prevent rafters from spreading.

COLLAR BEAM-The horizontal member that connects and stiffens opposing principal rafters, thus stabilizing the roof truss.

COMMON RAFTERS-Light, inclined timbers, which are supported by purlins and which support the roof cover.

CUPOLA-Small, tower-like structure on roof providing additional light and ventilation.

EAVE-Lower overhanging edge of a sloping roof.

FOREBAY-Eave side over-hang of upper level of the barn. (Forebay comes from the terms Vorbau or Vorschuss in low German.)

GABLE-Triangular upper wall space extending from the eaves to the roof ridge.

GABLE ROOF-A ridged roof terminating at ends in a gable.

GAMBREL ROOF-A ridged roof each side of which has two slopes.

GIRT-Horizontal framing member connecting end posts below roof plate.

HAY HOOD-An extension of the ridge of a barn roof which protects or supports pulley attachments used to load hay into the loft.

HAY TRACK AND FORK-Pulley and fork mounted on track below roof ridge, used to carry hay or straw into mow.

HEWN BENTS-Bent made of framing members that have been cut and shaped using hand tools.

JOINERY-The craft of connecting timber-frame members by forming joints.

JOISTS-Any of the parallel timbers that hold up the planks of a floor or the laths of a ceiling.

KING POST-A vertical supporting post between the apex of a triangular truss and the base, or tie beam, as at the ridge of a roof.

LINTEL-A beam with its ends resting on two posts, often over a wall opening such as a window or door.

LOFT-Hay and straw storage area above stable; upper level storage area of a barn.

MORTISE-In a mortise-and-tenon joint, the slot or hole cut into one member, into which is inserted the tenon from another member.

MOW-Space in barn reserved for hay and straw storage.

PLATE-A beam capping the exterior posts or studs to support the rafters.

POST-TO-PURLIN-Barn bent in which interior posts reach to purlin, eliminating the need for queen posts.

PURLIN-Timber placed under and horizontal to rafters to provide their support.

QUEEN POST-Vertical or canted roof framework member supporting purlin and resting on the tie beam.

QUOINS-Interlocking, alternating stone blocks laid at wall corners to add strength to the corner.

RAFTER-Any of the boards that slope from the ridge of a roof to the eaves and serve to support the roof.

RIDGE BOARD (Ridge Pole) Board connecting rafter ends at peak of gable roof.

ROOF FRAMEWORK-Arrangement of queen posts, struts, and braces which supports the purlins and roof rafters.

SILL-Heavy frame member resting on foundation and supporting posts and braces of outer wall frame.

STRAINING BEAM-Heavy member placed horizontally at the head of queen posts to prevent inward collapse of the truss.

SUMMER BEAM-Heavy main horizontal beam, anchored in gable foundation walls, that supports barn frame above or forebay beams.

TENON-In mortise and tenon joints, the short shaft projecting from one member which is fitted into mortise in other joint member

THRESHING FLOOR-Floor space between mows, on which grains were hand-threshed by flailing.

THRESHING WALL-A wall, usually about three feet tall, between the threshing floor and an adjacent bay. (Sometimes called "waste wall".)

TIE BEAM-Uppermost cross beam which connects end posts of bent.

TIMBER FRAME-Frame construction used in vernacular buildings before 1900 in Europe and America consisting of heavy, frequently hand hewn, hand fitted members which are connected by mortise and tenon joints.

TONGUE AND GROOVE-A joint in which a tongue or tenon in one board fits exactly into a groove in another.

TROLLEY-A wheeled apparatus that rolls on an overhead rail or track and from which is suspended a grappling fork. This was used to unload loose hay from a wagon. The fork, filled with the hay would then be drawn up by rope to the trolley and moved to the desired place in the hay mow. A trip rope would then drop the hay.

TRUSS-Triangular arrangement of beams, braces, and ties to form a rigid framework.

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 16, 2024

MAY 11 BALANCE	\$37,057.36
INCOME:	
Dues	40.00
May interest	6.37
Income total:	\$46.37
EXPENDITURES:	
Pony Express speakers	50.00
Renew non-profit status with state	80.00
Internet at museum multiple months	245.18
Expenditures total:	\$375.18
JUN 16 BALANCE	\$36,278.19
CD #7175	\$6,987.13
CD #6519 (for Save Our Liberty Project)	\$7,803.27

2024 MEETINGS

All meetings at 6:00 unless otherwise noted.

Presenters/topics/locations subject to change.

July 25 – Vintage car and vehicle show as well as vintage toy display
– White Cloud Legion – Please bring food to share for a potluck.

August 22 – *Underground Railroad* with Dixie Westervelt as our presenter at the St John's Lutheran Church basement – Susan and Mike Holt will provide refreshments.

September 26 – Ma-Hush-Ka Museum open house. White Cloud..
We need someone to provide refreshments

October 24 – Presentation at the Doniphan County Historical Museum on Native American artifacts and their culture, with Corky as our presenter. Roxana Tosterud and Jan Falkwill provide the refreshments.

Future meetings and topics are being finalized. Stay tuned.

Please continue to support your Doniphan County Historical Society. Your membership is greatly appreciated. Please consider receiving this newsletter by email to keep our mailing costs low.

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Work Day at the Tenant Baker House June 22 9:00-noon

Projects include sorting recent acquisitions so they can be properly catalogued, and light cleaning (dusting, sweeping, window washing, etc)

ALL HELP GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!

