The Museum Messenger

Independence Historical Museum & Art Center

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Letter from the President-Ray Rothgeb

Happy Neewollah! As the festival winds down, may I remind you that the Hometown Team exhibit and events continue through November 21st.

On Thursday, November 5th Phil Dixon will make a presentation at the Museum on "The Kansas City Monarch." Mr. Dixon tells me that there is a Monarch player buried in one of the Independence Cemeteries.

On Thursday, November 12th the Independence Public Library will host a book discussion on the "The Boys of Summer," by Roger Kahn.

On Thursday, November 19th, at the Museum, Jordan Poland will discuss "The Athletic Cathedrals of Kansas: Sports Venues across the Sunflower State."

Don't miss these opportunities to learn more about baseball in our area. Speakers are brought to you by the Kansas Humanities Council, and are certainly worth your time! Bring a friend and enjoy the exhibit and presentations.

You can always check us out on Facebook or visit IHMAC.org for the latest events.

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Hometown Teams: A Bat and a Ball – Mark Metcalf

The Hometown Team opening reception took place on October 6th. The exhibit on display is wonderful. The exhibit will continue until November 21st. Two events have already taken place.

The vintage baseball game was on October 10th at Emerson Field. The two teams were the Topeka Westerns and the Emporia Howe House Griffins. If you have never watched a vintage game played with 1860 rules, I highly recommend it. It was an interesting game to watch, and the crowd really enjoyed it. The Westerns won the game 10-3.

The baseball luncheon was on October 17th. The special guests attending were Mark Eberle, Bob Rives, Les Holmes, Charley Stepp and Jan Sumner. Les Holmes shared a story from his childhood. Sometimes Les and his friends would go the Shulthis Stadium before game time, without money, and wait for Mickey Mantle to arrive. They would then ask Mickey to get them in to watch the game. Mickey would tell them to stand outside the right field wall, and he would hit balls over the wall during batting practice. Les and his friends would then exchange the balls for admission to the game. A few years later, in 1953, Les played baseball for the Independence Ban Johnson Indians.

A special thanks to all the guests, the museum board members, the Hometown Teams committee and staff for all their work and support for the events. If you have not seen the Hometown Teams exhibit on display yet, you have until November 21st to do so. There are more events still scheduled, so check with the museum to see what is still to come.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! – Joy Barta

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the recent fund raising event “Baseball and Apple Pie” a success. A big thank you to the following individuals who participated in the ‘Pie in the Face’: Leonhard Caflisch, Kym Kays, Steve McBride, Lisa Wilson and Ray Rothgeb. You were good sports and your cooperation was greatly appreciated. Thanks to George Eisele of Midwest Auctions for auctioning the pies. The following ladies prepared and donated the fabulous pies for the Pie Auction: Sylvia Augustine, Joy Barta, Mary Jo Dancer, Donna Gilchrist, Kym Kays, Donna Rothgeb, Beverly Smith, Charlene Swearingen, Amy Taylor, Mary Taylor, and Julie Voelker. Thanks ladies; we know who to call when we need pies! Thanks to Marge Beckmann, Ellie Culp and Linda Schnurbusch for making the apple crisp that was served. It was a fun evening and more than $1200.00 was raised to be used for landscaping and trees at the Museum.

Please call the office to see if your dues are due.

The Art Club is hosting a Drawing Workshop on November 16th from 9 AM to Noon. The focus of this class will be parts of the face. For a supply list contact Becky Foster at 331-6036.

The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month beginning at 9 AM.

These events are held at the Museum and Art Center.

Arts & Crafts Fair

The 2015 Arts & Crafts Fair is scheduled for December 5th.

Lots of help is still needed for the Craft Fair. If you would like to help with the Kitchen, Bake Sale, Museum Table, Door Prize Table or any of the many other jobs involved please call the office and volunteer. A Caller is needed to get items for all the areas.

Set up will be from 1 to 7 PM on December 4th and 6 to 8 AM on the 5th. The hours for this event are 8 AM to 2 PM.

The "Crafter's Café" will be open from 8 AM to 1:30 PM.

We have new vendors coming this year.

Website – Jean Barnett

When you see a word underlined it could be a link to more information.

If you click on the word you will either get another web page with lots of info or it might be a pdf file that you can download.

The website is updated often. Be sure to check it out.

New Schwan's Fundraiser Beginning

A new fundraiser with Schwan's will begin on October 28, 2015. "Raise the Elevator" is the theme for this campaign. The Campaign ID is 24082.

The Museum will earn 20% of the sales place online for the next 45 days. Anyone purchasing an eGift card online will earn 40% (there is a limit of one per customer). The first order of the campaign must be placed on line.

For more information about this program go online to www.schwans-cares.com/c/24082.

This is a great way to help the Museum.

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We're on the Web!

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Gift Shop

We now have Jinks Fruitcakes.

Get your Hometown Teams t-shirts and "Life is Great...Museums make it better" t-shirts while they are still available.

A new postcard is now in the gift shop. It is of the Shulthis Stadium.

Baseball Silent Auction

Check out the Silent Auction in the Gallery. There are several baseball related items to be bid on. Come by, check them out and place your bids.

November Luncheon

The Menu for the November 13th Luncheon:

Superstition Stew

Mystery Salad

Vexed Veggie Tray

Tre"pie"dation Pie

Temptation Tea

Black Cat Coffee

The Program:

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Please make your reservations by noon on November 11th.

WISH LIST

Coffee

HP 901 Ink

(Black & Tri-Color)

Xerox – Phaser 6010

106R01627- Cyan

106R01628 – Magenta

106R01629 – Yellow

106R01630 - Black