



# Mistletoe Leaves



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## OHS announces winners of Statehood Day art contest

In October the Oklahoma Historical Society invited children aged 4 to 12 to participate in a Statehood Day Art Contest. Children were encouraged to draw their favorite events from Oklahoma history.

An astounding number, 864 students, participated. Victorious in the age 4–8 category (in a field of 439 entries) was Kyndle Kirby, of Cleveland (Oklahoma) Intermediate School. Her brightly colored image of buffalo and tipis was judged outstanding. Winner in the 9–12 age group (in a field of 425 entries) was Breanna Ham, of Canute (Oklahoma) Elementary School. Her picture of a booming oil field captured the judges' attention.

The winners were notified on Statehood Day, November 16, 2007. Each winner received one Family Pass to the History Center, one cookie per family member at the Winnie Mae Café, one Oklahoma History Center tote bag, and one book of the winner's choice from the OHC Gift Shop.

The judging team included OHS staffers Robbin Davis, Bill Siemens, Heather Robertson, Kim Chadbourne, Sharon Firth, Laura Martin, Judith Michener, Glen Roberson, and Catherine Montgomery and Oklahoma City art teacher Kristie Lewis.

All of the entries have been posted on the new OHS Kids web page, which went "live" on November 16, 2007. Visit it for a look at Oklahoma's history in original artwork!

## OHS Annual Meeting set for Ardmore in April 2008

Get ready for a trip to Ardmore on April 16, 17, and 18. That's where and when the Oklahoma Historical Society will be having its 2008 Annual Meeting. Located on the edge of the Arbuckle Mountains, Ardmore, with its rich history and heritage, will host the Society's yearly event at the beautiful and spacious Ardmore Convention Center.

According to Annual Meeting Committee chair Ken Rainbolt, the committee is planning three days of informative presentations, engaging speakers, special educational activities, and great food, fun, and fellowship.

Registration begins on Wednesday, April 16, at 3 p.m. at the Ardmore Convention Center. Later in the afternoon a special reception for the members will honor the new Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame inductees and offer time to socialize.

The paper sessions on Thursday and Friday, April 17 and 18, will focus on the meeting's general theme, which is "Boundaries, Bridges, and Borderlands: The Red River in Oklahoma History." Scholars will make presentations on topics related to the conference theme as well as on other interesting subjects.

Other events include the Annual Luncheon, the meeting of the membership, and a tour of Fort Washita on Thursday, April 17. The Awards Luncheon will take place on Friday, April 18.

The conference hotels for the 2008 Annual Meeting in Ardmore are the SpringHill Suites by Marriott, at 2501 Centennial Drive, and LaQuinta Inn, at 2432 Veterans Boulevard. These two hotels are near each other just east of I-35 at Exit 33.

Both hotels are nearly next door to the Ardmore Convention Center, at 2401 North Rockford, where the opening reception, paper sessions, and luncheons will be held.

Those attending the Annual Meeting are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. Room rates at the SpringHill Suites by Marriott are \$70 plus tax, single or double, and reservations may be made by calling 580/226-7100. Room rates at the LaQuinta Inn are \$60 plus tax, single or double, and reservations may be made by calling 580/223-7976. To receive the special conference rate, tell the desk clerk that you are with the Oklahoma Historical Society. The OHS has reserved a block of rooms at both hotels, and therefore, rooms at the conference rate will be limited.

More details about the OHS 2008 Annual Meeting will be published in subsequent issues of *Mistletoe Leaves*. Registration materials will be mailed in March.



Winning entry by Kyndle Kirby, age 8.



Winning entry by Breanna Ham, age 11.





## Director's Column

By **Bob L. Blackburn**  
Executive Director

On December 7, 2007, just a few weeks ago, I was privileged to join several hundred fellow Oklahomans to once again show our special feelings for the *U.S.S. Oklahoma* and the men who served our nation aboard her decks. We were at Pearl Harbor to dedicate the memorial to the men who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Designed by Don Beck, the architect who shares design credit for the Oklahoma History Center, the memorial is located a few hundred yards from the very site where the *U.S.S. Oklahoma* was moored when it was struck by torpedoes. The sense of history is strong as you drive over the bridge to Ford Island, see the memorial to the *U.S.S. Arizona*, and circle around the decommissioned *U.S.S. Missouri*.

Among the crowd gathered at the site were admirals and governors, congressmen and legislators, as well as people who just wanted to share the moment. The most special guests, however, were the seventeen men who had been on the ship when it was bombed. They were referred to as "the survivors."

The survivors readily shared their stories over several days. One man told of being

caught below decks when the ship capsized. Another told about falling into the oily water and swimming to a nearby ship. Some referred to the many acts of bravery that saved numerous lives. All remembered lost friends who did not make it out.

I joined two of the survivors on a special broadcast produced by OETA and AT&T. As the first guest, I shared with the audience several artifacts in the collections of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

There was the ashtray and the silk handkerchief manufactured by the sailors on board the ship. I had the menu from the last Thanksgiving dinner served only weeks before the bombing. And then there was the American flag that had been presented in 1936 by the crew of the *U.S.S. Oklahoma* to an American family in Spain during the Spanish Civil War. Flying from their balcony, that flag became a symbol of freedom, protection, and hope in a dangerous world.

As I listened to the stories of the survivors who followed me on the broadcast, I realized once again how important it is for us to collect and preserve the artifacts and memories of our shared history. To those men aboard the *U.S.S. Oklahoma*, December 7, 1941, was a day of pain and loss. For the rest of us, it is a day that we should never forget.

## Development News

By Tim Zwink

I am extremely pleased to announce that the Inasmuch Foundation has awarded a major grant to the Friends of the Oklahoma Museum of History, on behalf of the Oklahoma Historical Society. The grant proposal is entitled "Unconquered: Three Generations of the Haozous/Houser Apache Family," and the award is \$250,000.

The grant will provide support to develop a major exhibit and documentary film that will tell the story of the Haozous/Houser family, starting in the 1880s and extending into the twenty-first century. The exhibit and film will treat a variety of themes, including tribal origins, language, spirituality, dwellings, and the circle of life. The family story will depict how the world-renowned Haozous/Houser art expresses the unconquered spirit of the Apache and the journey the family members have taken since the 1880s.

The exhibit is scheduled to be opened to the public at the Oklahoma History Center in October 2008.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the Inasmuch Foundation and its founder, the late Edith Kinney Gaylord. We greatly appreciate the foundation's generous support of this special education project that will significantly assist the OHS in its mission to collect, preserve, and share the history of our great state.



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## Meetings

In **Oklahoma City** the Oklahoma Genealogical Society's monthly meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2008, at 6 p.m. in the Chesapeake Special Events Center at the Oklahoma History Center, 2401 North Laird Ave. Guest speaker Carolyn Leonard will talk about the "Low Dutch on the Kentucky Frontier." The Low Dutch migrated from the lowlands of the Netherlands and first settled in present-day New York City. In the late 1600s many of them migrated to New Jersey or upstate New York and by the mid-1700s made their way into Pennsylvania and Kentucky. They formed close-knit families with ties to the Dutch Reformed Church. Leonard is 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Regent of Oklahoma Prairies Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of the First Families of the Twin Territories. The OHS Research Center will be staffed and remain open until 7:45 p.m. that evening. (Special to ML)

## Events

**Tulsa's** Gilcrease Museum is hosting a forum on Friday, January 18, 2008, at 1 p.m. Historical reenactor Mike Piper will portray Jean Baptiste Bénard de La Harpe and will share the observations of La Harpe and other early travelers who

made their way through the area that became Oklahoma. Piper will talk about the native peoples, the landscape, and the political intrigue and conflicts of the 18th century. The program is presented by The Gillies and is free to the public. For questions please e-mail Janelle Swearingen at <janellesw@cox.net>. (Special to ML)

Oklahoma Humanities Council is sponsoring a "Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma" reading and discussion program at the **Eufaula Public Library**. At 1:30 p.m. on January 9 scholar Teresa Reed will lead a discussion on N. Scott Momaday's book *House Made of Dawn*. For more information call Kay Drabek at 918/689-2291. (Special to ML)

The **Bartlesville Symphony Orchestra** will present a concert featuring Broadway musical theater star and tenor Craig Schulman on Saturday, January 19, at 8 p.m. at the Bartlesville Community Center. The concert will feature signature roles from his many Broadway successes. He has played the Phantom in the *Phantom of the Opera*, Jean Valjean in *Les Miserables*, and the title role in *Jekyll & Hyde*. Schulman has also performed in *The Secret Garden*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Evita*. Call 918/336-7717 or go to <<http://bartlesvillesymphony.org>> to get more information. (Special to ML)

**Hennessey** is hosting two events in January. On Saturday, January 12, a hometown hootenanny will take place at 525 South Main St. from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Area musicians will perform country, bluegrass, gospel, and folk music. For more information regarding the hootenanny call 405/853-6212. On Saturday, January 26, 2008, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. the Friends of the Hennessey Library will host a chili cook-off at the Hennessey High School cafeteria on North Mitchell Rd. For additional information on the cook-off call 405/853-2073 or e-mail <answers@hennessey.lib.ok.us>. (Special to ML)

The third annual Martin Luther King Soul Food Cook-off will take place in **Muskogee** at 425 Boston St. on Monday, January 21, from 5 to 9 p.m. This annual event will feature amateur cooks from the community and from outside Oklahoma. Tour bus parking will be available. For info call 918/682-2622 or toll free at 888/687-6137. (Special to ML)

**Tulsa's** Performing Arts Center will host a concert by The Ten Tenors, an Australian musical group that delivers a dynamic force of vocal power ranging from opera, jazz, modern, and classic pop. Performances are scheduled January 8 through 13. On Tuesday through Thursday the event will begin at 7:30 p.m., on Friday at 8 p.m., on Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and on Sunday from 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Inquire at 918/477-7469 or <[kdotson@celebrityattractions.com](mailto:kdotson@celebrityattractions.com)>. (Special to ML)

**Oklahoma City** Winter Quilt Show will be held at the Cox Convention Center and Myriad Gardens from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on January 10 through 12. Considered the largest quilt show in the state of Oklahoma, it features more than 400 quilts and vendors. Call 405/853-6801 or visit <<http://prairiequilt.com>>. (Special to ML)

## Opportunities

**Norman's** Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma is seeking applicants for its Visiting Scholars Program, which provides financial assistance to researchers working at the center's archives. Awards of \$500 to \$1,000 are generally granted as reimbursement for travel and lodging. The program is open to any applicant. Emphasis is given to postdoctoral research in history, political science, and other fields. Applications are accepted at any time. For information contact Archivist, Carl Albert Center, 630 Parrington Oval, Room 101, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019. (Special to ML)

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# OHS EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

Every effort has been made to list correct information as it was available. Other events may be added throughout the year. Check the monthly issues of *Mistletoe Leaves* for additions, corrections, and/or expanded articles.

Some events require registration and/or admission fees. Registration is limited for some workshops and seminars. Some events sponsored by the OHS are held at sites other than the property on which the OHS site or museum is located.

Please visit the OHS web site to verify date, hours, exact location, admission fees, etc.

Click on "Calendar of Events" for additional information about the OHS events listed below.

TBA = to be announced

## January

- 7 First Monday free admission, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 9 Oklahoma from the Ground Up, Lecture Series by Glen McIntyre, "Early Day Exploration of Oklahoma," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid
- 15-31 1910 Living History Program, "A Day at Rose Hill School." Visitors are welcome to observe. Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 16 Brown Bag Lecture, Erin Brown, "Pawnee Bill. Wild West Show and Frontiersman," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid
- 17 Victorian Valentine Workshop, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee
- 19 Navarro Rifles CSA Living History Program, Fort Washita, vic. Madill
- 26 Victorian Valentine Workshop, George Murrell Home, Park Hill
- 26 World War II Living History Program, Fort Washita, vic. Madill



Rose Hill School days (OHS photo).



## February

- 1-29 Antique Doll Exhibit, Fred Drummond Home, Hominy
- 1-29 1910 Living History Program, "A Day at Rose Hill School." Visitors are welcome to observe. Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 2 Victorian Valentine Workshop, Martha Ray, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid
- 4 First Monday free admission, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 13 Oklahoma from the Ground Up, Lecture Series by Glen McIntyre, "The Cherokees and the Trail of Tears," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid
- 16 First Person Impression program, Omar Reed, "Buffalo Soldier," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid
- 20 Brown Bag Lecture, Kathy Dickson, "Preserving Precious Family Heirlooms," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid

## March

- 1-31 1910 Living History Program, "A Day at Rose Hill School." Visitors are welcome to observe. Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 3 First Monday free admission, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 7-9 Boy Scouts of America Camporee, Fort Washita, vic. Madill
- 8 Volunteer Training, Oklahoma Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 12 Oklahoma from the Ground Up, Lecture Series by Glen McIntyre, "The Other Civilized Tribes and Their Golden Age," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid
- 15 21st Annual Family Kite Flite Day, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, vic. Spiro
- 19-20 Vernal Equinox Walks, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, vic. Spiro
- 20 Brown Bag Lecture (tentative), Sandie Olson, "Transcontinental Air Transport Comes to Waynoka," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid
- 22 First Person Impression program (tentative), "Harvey House Girl," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid

- 23 Easter Breakfast and Sunrise Service, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee
- 29 Public Bake Day, Fort Gibson Historic Site, Fort Gibson
- TBA Flint Knapping Workshop, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee
- TBA Dutch Oven Cooking Workshop, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee

## April



Birdwatching in northern Oklahoma (Jim Argo photo)

- 1-30 Quilt Exhibit, Fred Drummond Home, Hominy
- 1-30 1910 Living History Program, "A Day at Rose Hill School." Visitors are welcome to observe. Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 2-6 Fur Trade Era Rendezvous, Fort Washita, vic. Madill
- 7 First Monday free admission, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 9 Oklahoma from the Ground Up, Lecture Series by Glen McIntyre, "The Civil War in Indian Territory," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid
- 15-30 *Field, Forest, and Stream: Oklahomans and the Outdoors*, interpretive exhibit, Oklahoma Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 16 Brown Bag Lecture, First Person Impression program, Bruce Fisher, "Inman Page, First President of Langston University," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid



# JANUARY – JUNE 2008

- 16-18** Oklahoma Historical Society Annual Meeting, Ardmore Convention Center, Ardmore

## Fort Gibson barracks (OHS photo).



- 18-19** Heritage Days, Fort Gibson Historic Site, Fort Gibson
- 19** Genealogy Workshop, Susan Woods (Garfield Co. Historical Soc.), Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid
- 26** Rural Heritage Festival, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry

## May

- 1-23** 1910 Living History Program, "A Day at Rose Hill School." Visitors are welcome to observe. Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 1-31** *Field, Forest, and Stream: Oklahomans and the Outdoors*, interpretive exhibit, Oklahoma Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 5** First Monday free admission, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 7** "Section 106 Review Process: Introduction and Overview," SHPO Workshop, to be held at USAO, Chickasha  
"Determination of Eligibility under Section 106," SHPO Workshop, to be held at USAO, Chickasha
- 8** "Working with the National Register of Historic Places," SHPO Workshop, to be held at USAO, Chickasha
- 9** "Federal and State Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings," SHPO Workshop, to be held at USAO, Chickasha  
"The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings," SHPO Workshop, to be held at USAO, Chickasha
- 10** 30th Annual Birthday of Spiro Mounds Site, 3rd Annual Archaeology Day, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, vic. Spiro
- 14** Oklahoma from the Ground Up, Lecture Series by Glen McIntyre, "After the War—Cattle Drives and Indian

Wars," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid

- 17** First Impression Program (tentative), "Pawnee Bill," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid
- 17** "To Arms: Civil War Saturday," Oklahoma Museum of History Family Program, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 21** Brown Bag Lecture, Kathy Dickson, "Refugees in Indian Territory during the Civil War," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid
- 23-25** Artillery Instructor School, Fort Washita, vic. Madill
- 24** Armed Forces Day Program, presented by Vance Air Force Base, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid
- TBA** Blacksmithing Workshop, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee

## June

- 1-30** *Field, Forest, and Stream: Oklahomans and the Outdoors*, interpretive exhibit, Oklahoma Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 2** First Monday free admission, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 4-6** Oklahoma's 20th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, Ponca City
- 7** Annual Lawn Social, George Murrell Home, Park Hill
- 11** Oklahoma from the Ground Up, Lecture Series by Glen McIntyre, "Eastern Oklahoma in the 1870s and 1880s—Outlaws, Coal Mining, and Logging," Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at Oakwood Mall, Enid
- 14** "Into the West: Land Runs and Pioneer Life," Oklahoma Museum of History Family Program, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 14, 21, 28** Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show, Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, Pawnee
- 20-21** Summer Solstice Walks, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, vic. Spiro



## OHS MUSEUMS AND SITES

- Black Kettle Museum**  
junction of US 283 & SH 47  
Cheyenne, 580/497-3929
- Cherokee Strip Museum/  
Rose Hill School**, 2617 W  
Fir, Perry, 580/336-2405
- Chisholm Trail Museum/  
Seay Mansion**, 605 Zellers  
Ave., Kingfisher  
405/375-5176
- Chisholm Trail Historical  
Museum**, E of US 81/US 70  
junction, Waurika  
580/228-2166
- Confederate Memorial Mu-  
seum**, US 69, ½ mi. N of  
Atoka, 580/889-7192
- Fort Gibson Historic Site**  
907 N. Garrison, SH 80 in  
Fort Gibson, 918/478-4088
- Fort Supply Historic Site**  
Campus of W.S. Key  
Corr. Center, Fort Supply  
580/766-3767
- Fort Towson Historic Site**  
NE of Fort Towson off US 70  
580/873-2634
- Fort Washita Historic Site**  
SH 199, 13 mi. E of Madill  
580/924-6502
- Frank Phillips House**  
1107 Cherokee Ave.  
Bartlesville, 918/336-2491
- Fred Drummond House**  
305 N Price, Hominy  
918/885-2374
- Frederick Pioneer Village**,  
201 N 9th St., Frederick,  
580/335-5844
- George M. Murrell House**  
19479 East Murrell Home Rd  
3 mi. S of SH 82, Park Hill  
918/456-2751
- Healdton Oil Museum**  
315 E Main, Healdton  
580/229-0900
- Honey Springs Battlefield**  
1863 Honey Springs Battle-  
field Rd., E of US 69, near  
Rentiesville, 918/473-5572
- Jim Thorpe House**  
706 E Boston, Yale  
918/387-2815
- Museum of the Cherokee  
Strip**, 507 S 4th, Enid  
580/237-1907
- Museum of Higher Educa-  
tion**, Old Central, OSU Cam-  
pus Stillwater, 405/744-2828
- Museum of the Western  
Prairie**, 1100 N Memorial Dr.  
Altus, 580/482-1044
- National Hall of Fame for  
Famous American Indians**  
US 62 east, Anadarko  
405/247-5555
- No Man's Land Museum**  
PSU Campus, Goodwell  
580/349-2670
- Oklahoma Museum of His-  
tory**, 2401N Laird Ave., OKC  
405/522-5248
- Oklahoma Route 66 Mu-  
seum**, 2229 W Gary Blvd.  
Clinton, 580/323-7866
- Oklahoma Territorial Mu-  
seum/Carnegie Library**  
402 E Oklahoma, Guthrie  
405/282-1889
- Henry Overholser House**  
405 NW 15th St., OKC  
405/528-8485
- Pawnee Bill Ranch**  
½ mi. W on US 64, Pawnee  
918/762-2513
- Peter Conser House**  
4 mi. S of Heavener on US  
59, 3½ mi. W of Hodgen  
918/653-2493
- Pioneer Woman Museum**  
701 Monument Rd., Ponca  
City, 580/765-6108
- Robert S. Kerr Museum**  
6 mi. SW of Poteau, US 270  
at Kerr Conference Center  
918/647-9579
- Sequoyah's Cabin**  
SH 101, 11 mi. NE of  
Sallisaw, 918/775-2413
- Sod House Museum**  
SH 8, 5½ mi. N of Cleo  
Springs, 580/463-2441
- Spiro Mounds Archaeo-  
logical Center**, 3 mi. E  
and 4 mi. N of Spiro  
918/962-2062
- State Capital Publishing  
Museum**, 301 W Harrison  
Guthrie, 405/282-4123
- T. B. Ferguson House**  
519 N Weigle, Watonga  
580/623-5069
- Tom Mix Museum**  
721 N Delaware, Dewey  
918/534-1555
- White Hair Memorial**  
½ mi. S of SH 20 on Black-  
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## Hidden Collections . . .

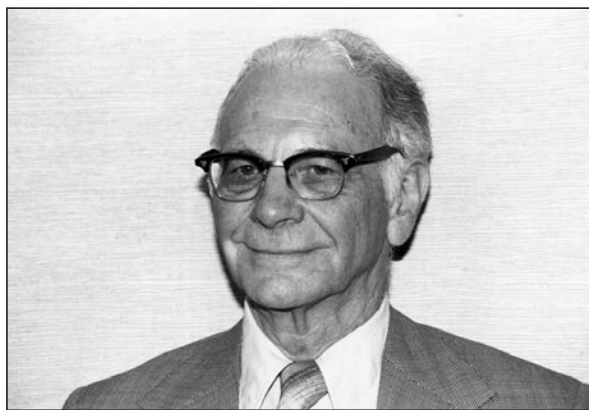
### The Orben Casey Collection

By Larry O'Dell

The Orben Casey Collection (2007.125) provides another example of a case in which historians have left research and notes for future investigators to use in expanding their work. The large Orben Casey compilation, comprising twenty-six boxes, is housed in the Research Division of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

Born in Hanna, Oklahoma, on February 15, 1917, Orben Casey grew to manhood in Henryetta. He attained three different degrees at the University of Oklahoma and became an influential businessman in the Oklahoma City area. His interest in the Sooner State's history led him to write several articles. He published a two-part article on Lee Cruce, titled "Governor Lee Cruce and Law Enforcement, 1911-1915," and "Governor Lee Cruce, White Supremacy and Capital Punishment, 1911-1915," in *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, Volumes 52 (Winter 1974-75) and 54 (Winter 1976-77). He also penned the book *And Justice for All: The Legal Profession in Oklahoma, 1821-1989*. After a long and successful business career Casey died on June 27, 2002. In May 1991 he had donated part of his research to OHS.

The collection, which was processed by Oklahoma Historical Society volun-



teer Paul Quillan, contains a wealth of information about Oklahoma's lawyers and legal system as well as information on Governor Cruce. A few of the interesting subject files include African American lawyers, sensational court cases, county seat fights, the Indian Territory Bar Association, the Muskogee Bar Association, and women lawyers. There are also several folders on prominent individuals, including A. J. Seay, J. B. A. Robertson, Temple Houston, Moman Pruiett, and Morton Rutherford. Casey's papers also contain his and other authors' writings concerning the legal profession in the state of Oklahoma. Like all of the manuscripts of the Oklahoma Historical Society's Research Division, this collection can be accessed through the John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick Room of the Research Center at the Oklahoma History Center.

## Historic Preservation Review Committee schedules 2008 meetings

The Oklahoma Historic Preservation Review Committee (state review board) is appointed by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma to provide advice to the State Historic Preservation Officer about nominations to the National Register of Historic Places and about other preservation issues.

Members of the committee include Arn Henderson, chair (architectural historian), Dr. LeRoy H. Fischer (historian), John D. Hartley (prehistoric archaeologist), and Towana Spivey (historic archaeologist). A vacant position will be filled in early 2008. The 2008 committee meetings will begin promptly at 10 a.m. on each of the following dates: Thursday, January 17; Thursday, April 10; Thursday, July 17; and Thursday, October 16.

Each meeting will occur in the Oklahoma Historical Society's Fischer Boardroom, on the third floor of the Oklahoma History Center, 2401 North Laird Ave. in Oklahoma City.

These meetings are open to the public, and the agendas are provided on the OHS web site in the SHPO's web pages at <[www.okhistory.org/shpo](http://www.okhistory.org/shpo)>. Click the button for "Events." The committee and the SHPO staff invite citizens and preservation professionals to attend.

## OHS launches kids' web page!

The Historical Society has added a new page to its web site. Point your browser to <[www.okhistory.org/kids](http://www.okhistory.org/kids)>. At OHS Kids you'll find interesting and entertaining (not to mention educational) things for young folks to investigate and enjoy. Some of these include "Fun and Games" (Word Finds, Word Scrambles, Sliding Puzzles); "Fun Stuff You Can Print" (Word Finds, Crosswords about Famous Oklahomans); and Coloring Pages that download for free.

In "About Oklahoma," you'll find information on Oklahoma history, state symbols, and famous Oklahomans. In "Centennial," kids answer the question "What did money look like in 1907?" In "History," there's fascinating information about Wild West Shows, Land Runs, Chilocco Indian School, *U.S.S. Oklahoma*, and Route 66.

"State Symbols" offers a color illustration and a brief history of each symbol. "People" provides biographies of prominent Oklahomans in Politics, Sports, TV and Film, Air and Space, Innovators and Pioneers, and several other categories.

A special section has been provided "For Parents and Teachers." There, the adults in the home or school environment will find resources for helping young people learn about Oklahoma history. Click on "View the School Field Trip Guide," "Visit the Education Section of the Oklahoma History Center Web Site," or "Download the OHC Education Brochure."

## OHS Places . . .

### Pawnee Bill Ranch

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Hours: November to March,

Wed.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and  
Sun., 1-4 p.m.

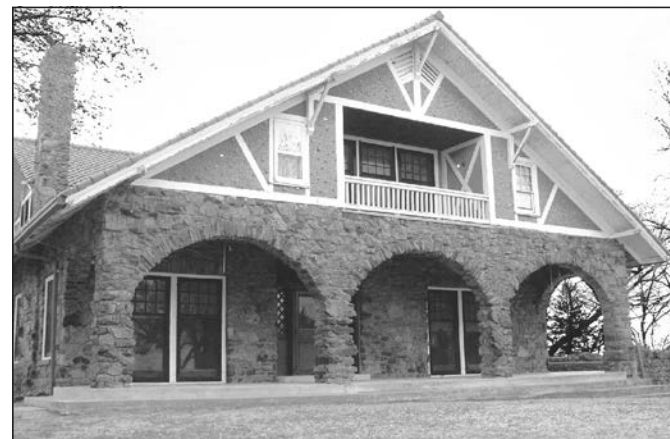
April to October, same days and  
hours, plus Mon., 1-4 p.m.

Admission: Free; donations accepted.

Directions: Located on Blue Hawk

Peak, one-half mile west of

Pawnee on U.S. Highway 64.



Home of former Wild West Show entertainer Gordon W. "Pawnee Bill" Lillie (1860-1942), the Pawnee Bill Ranch awaits and welcomes the year-round traveler. Situated on Blue Hawk Peak about one-half mile west of Pawnee on U.S. Highway 64, the five-hundred-acre grounds include a fourteen-room mansion completed in 1910, a 1903 log cabin, the original blacksmith shop, and a barn built in 1926. The home is constructed of buff-colored stone quarried from Blue Hawk Peak, and red mortar and red tile add color to the edifice. Rare hardwoods were used in the interior, which is replete with original Lillie furnishings, photographs, memorabilia, and art work. In addition, an adjacent museum offers exhibits relating to Pawnee Bill, to the Wild West Shows, and to the Pawnee Indian people. Residing at the ranch are a herd of bison as well as longhorn cattle and draft horses that can be seen grazing in the drive-through exhibit pasture. Annually on the last three Saturdays of June Pawnee Bill's Original Wild West Show is recreated at this site. In 1975 the ranch was added to the National Register of Historic Places (NR 75001571).

Lillie was born on Valentine's Day in 1860 in Bloomington, Illinois. His family relocated to Wellington, Kansas, and Lillie eventually came to Indian Territory, working at various jobs such as a trapper, a cowboy, and a waiter in an eating house. He also served as teacher, interpreter, and secretary at the Pawnee Agency. While traveling with Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show, Lillie met May Manning, whom he married in 1886. She became part of the shows, billed as "Champion Girl Horseback Shot of the West."

## Historic Landscape seminar to be held at OHS in March 2008

On March 11 and 12, 2008, the National Preservation Institute (NPI), in cooperation with the Oklahoma Historical Society State Historic Preservation Office, is offering a special, two-day seminar at the Oklahoma History Center, at 2401 North Laird Ave. in Oklahoma City.

Titled "Historic Landscapes: Planning, Management, and Cultural Landscape Reports," the sessions will review the basic characteristics of scenic vistas and designed, cultural, rural, agricultural, and urban landscapes and the laws and regulations apply to them.

Presenters will explore the development of the cultural landscape report, which is the principal tool used to document a site's landscape, and the report's use in planning and managing historic and cultural landscapes. Registrants will learn to assess realistic approaches to adaptive reuse, historic preservation, restoration, and accessibility and will discuss recent preservation theory.

The instructor will be Charles A. Birnbaum, FASLA, FAAR, who was the keynote speaker for Oklahoma's 2006 Statewide Preservation Conference, held in Wilburton. He was formerly coordinator of

the National Park Service Historic Landscape Initiative and is the editor of *Design With Culture: Claiming America's Landscape Heritage* and of *Preserving Modern Landscape Architecture*.

An agenda and a registration form are available online at <[www.npi.org/register.html](http://www.npi.org/register.html)>. The advance registration rate is valid until January 29 and is \$375 (for the two days). The regular registration rate after that date is \$425.

This seminar meets the criteria for programs in the American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System, and AIA members will receive six (6) learning units each day.

For further information contact Jere Gibber, Executive Director, National Preservation Institute, P.O. Box 1702, Alexandria, VA 22313. Telephone 703/765-0100; fax 703/768-9350; or go to <[info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org)> or <[www.npi.org](http://www.npi.org)>.

The National Preservation Institute is a nonprofit organization founded in 1980. Its primary mission is to educate those involved in the management, preservation, and stewardship of the nation's cultural heritage.

## George Murrell Home to host Victorian Valentine workshop January 26

The Victorians considered Valentines to be "love tokens from the heart." These lavish confections of fancy paperwork, ornamental decoration, and sentimental verse expressed an era when the art of romance was heightened by the sending of charming Valentine cards and greetings.

A Victorian Valentine Workshop will be presented at the Murrell Home in Park Hill on Saturday, January 26, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a short lunch break. The cost of the workshop is \$15, and participants will make at least eight Valentines from the late-nineteenth-century time period. Participants will also learn about the history of Valentine's Day. Their special creations will be perfect to send to special friends, family, and sweethearts.

Martha Ray, director of the Historic Homes Division of the Oklahoma Historical Society, will be the instructor for the workshop. Participants will need to bring a pair of sharp scissors and a sack lunch. Seating is limited, so reservations and prepayment are required. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Murrell Home. For more information call the Murrell Home at 580/456-2751 or send an inquiry by e-mail to the staff at <[murrellhome@okhistory.org](mailto:murrellhome@okhistory.org)>.

## Gift Shop News

By Russ Haynes

Hello from the gift shop! The holidays are over, so now it is time to slow down a little and relax with a good book. I hope you received your Gift Shop catalog at the end of November. If not, call or e-mail us, and we will send one out to you right away. We received orders from many of you before Christmas, and we really do appreciate your patronage. Here are a few of the newer books we have for sale in the store.

**IMAGES OF AMERICA: Oklahoma City Zoo, 1902-1959**, by Amy Dee Stephens. Shows the development of the Oklahoma City Zoo from its founding until the end of the 1950s. Includes more than 100 photographs of the animals and people that made the zoo a great place to spend leisure time. 126 pages. Paperback. \$19.99

**IMAGES OF AMERICA: Oklahoma City Rediscovered**, by William D. Welge. Describes the four aspects of the development of Oklahoma City in the areas of Deep Deuce, Capitol Hill, the warehouse district (today's Bricktown), and Automobile Alley, the automobile dealership area along Broadway Avenue. Includes more than 100 photographs. 126 pages. \$19.99

**IMAGES OF AMERICA: Broken Arrow: City of Roses and Pure Water**, by Donald Wise. Presents a collection of vintage images that illustrate the development of the town from an agricultural trade center to a prosperous city of diversified light industry and a center of education. 128 pages. Paperback. \$19.99

**IMAGES OF AMERICA: Cherokee Strip Land Rush**, edited by Jay M. Price. Documents in photographs a very rare event in American History—the land run. The opening of the Cherokee Strip on September 16, 1893, was the largest of the land runs and included more than 100,000 people eager to get a chance to claim some land. 128 pages. Paperback. \$19.99

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On November 16, Centennial of Statehood Day, Dr. Bob Blackburn, OHS Executive Director, addressed the special legislative assembly in Guthrie in the legislature's original chambers. Dignitaries included Governor and Mrs. Brad Henry, seated at left.



Television personality Willard Scott appeared at the Oklahoma History Center on Statehood Day, November 16, for a special breakfast program to honor 25 Oklahoma centennarians. Also pictured is Blake Wade, Centennial Commission director (Jerry Hymer photo).