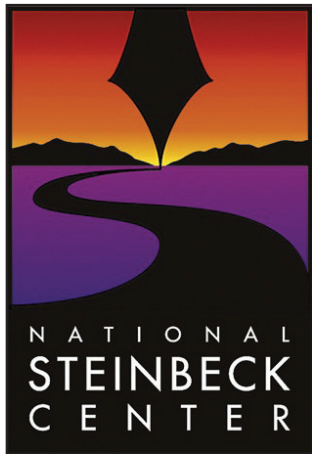




Annual membership appreciation event to focus on *The Grapes of Wrath*



On Tuesday, September 30, the Oklahoma Historical Society is teaming up with the Oklahoma City Repertory Theatre (CityRep) and Oklahoma City University (OCU) to present an evening of music entitled "Music of the Dustbowl" at the Oklahoma History Center. The concert will feature musicians Monica Taylor, Dr. Harold Aldridge, and Shelby Eicher's band. OHS members are invited to attend this event free of charge in appreciation for continued support. Non-members may purchase a membership

by calling 405-522-5202 to receive two reservations for this concert. History Center doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and the concert will start at 6:30 p.m. OHS members also will have the opportunity to purchase tickets to the CityRep production of *The Grapes of Wrath* at a discounted price of \$20, a \$15 discount from the regular purchase price.

CityRep will perform the first professional production in the state of *The Grapes of Wrath* to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of John Steinbeck's Dust Bowl epic about an Oklahoma farm family driven from its homestead and forced to travel west to the promised land of California. The play will be performed

on the weekends of September 26 and October 3 and will feature a cast of forty performing at OCU's Burg Auditorium, making it one of the biggest endeavors in CityRep's history. Both the play and the concert are official parts of the National Steinbeck Center's seventy-fifth anniversary celebration of *The Grapes of Wrath*.

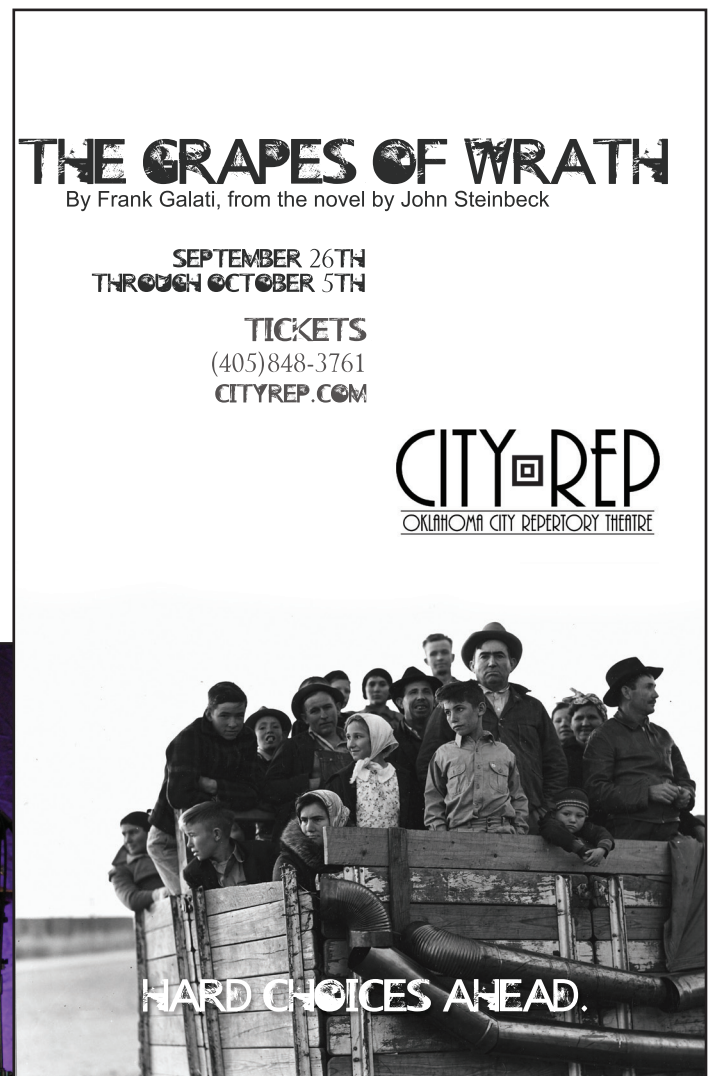
The concert at the Oklahoma History Center will feature Monica Taylor performing southern gospel from the 1930s and 1940s, such as Oklahoman Albert Brumley's "I'll Fly Away." Also, Harold Aldridge will play regional blues music from that era, and Shelby Eicher and his band will play Bob Wills's music, which was prevalent in Oklahoma as KVOO broadcasts could be heard statewide at the time. In between the music will be readings from actors involved in the CityRep/OCU play.

Native Oklahoman Harry Parker, now chairman of the Texas Christian University theater department, will direct the play. Well-known professional actors Pam Dougherty (Ma Joad), Cameron Cobb (Tom Joad), and David Coffee (Pa Joad) will star in the production at OCU. Tickets can be obtained for the play at the OCU box office by calling 405-208-5227. Let them know you are an OHS member to receive the discount. More information about CityRep or other information on the play can be found by calling 405-848-3761.

To RSVP or buy memberships for the concert contact Nicole Harvey at 405-522-5202 or nharvey@okhistory.org.



Left to right: Monica Taylor performing at the 2014 OHS Annual Conference; Dr. Harold Aldridge performing at the 2014 OHS Annual Conference; poster for the CityRep production of *The Grapes of Wrath*.





Director's column

**By Dr. Bob L. Blackburn
Executive Director**

Recent conversations and events have reinforced my faith in the historical value of shared memory.

A few weeks ago, KOCO-TV in Oklahoma City celebrated its sixtieth birthday with a reunion at the History Center and a series of special reports on pioneers who built and nurtured the station. My mother, Ida B, was one of the featured stars.

She started her broadcast career as the host of *Romper Room* in 1958 when the station was still KGEO based in Enid. Within three years, she had her own magazine-format show called *At Home with Ida B* and the station was located in Oklahoma City with the call letters KOCO, short for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She remained on the air until 1975.

Other television pioneers celebrated at the reunion included Ed Birchall, better known as Ho Ho the Clown; Bill Howard, his witty sidekick who gave life to Pokey the Puppet; and Bill Thrash, the multi-talented director who later took his magic to WKY-TV and OETA-TV. For us baby boomers, these stories bind us together with the glue of memory.

On either side of that event were meetings focused on the shared memory of food.

John Haynes, a community leader and friend, is leading an effort to collect the stories of Wilson Foods, which purchased a packing plant in Stockyards City before

World War I and moved its last headquarters to Oklahoma City.

Thanks to John and several generous donors, we have high definition interviews with company leaders and enough artifacts to start a small museum. People who grew up in central Oklahoma from the 1920s to the 1970s remembers the economic impact and marketing muscle of Wilson.

I also have met several times with Larry Schwab and his daughter Emily, who are helping collect the story of their family business, Schwab Meats. They represent the fourth and fifth generations of one family that has been supplying quality products since 1912. Anyone living in Oklahoma has vivid memories of their commercials and sausages.

It has been my pleasure to work with Joe and Charlotte Dotson, natives of Cordell who built a chain of cafeterias where my family ate after church in the 1950s and 1960s. I enjoyed a meeting with Joe Prichard, the third-generation entrepreneur operating Pete's Place, the iconic Italian restaurant in Krebs. I have been eating there since my sister moved to Eufaula in the 1980s.

John Bennett, one of our first celebrity chefs who joined Frank Hightower to bring fine dining to Oklahoma in the 1960s, reminded me of the Cellar and Christopher's, where I took my prom date for dinner in 1969. His biscuit-dough strawberry shortcake is a great memory.

On November 16, 2015, we will open a new museum exhibit called *Crossroads of Commerce: A History of Free Enterprise in Oklahoma*. All of these stories, plus scores of others, will connect the dots of economic development still changing before our very eyes.

Yes, for personal as well as professional reasons, recent conversations and meetings have reinforced my faith in the historical value of shared memory.

Dr. Bob

Development News

By Larry O'Dell

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To RSVP to this free event for OHS members, or to purchase a membership to attend the concert, contact Nicole Harvey at 405-522-5202 or nharvey@okhistory.org.



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AROUND OKLAHOMA

Events

The Labor Day Celebration is **Henryetta's** biggest celebration every year and begins this year with a carnival on August 28. There is something for everyone with a parade, games for all ages, concerts, the Living Legends rodeo, a car show, barbeque dinner, and beauty contests. Visit the city's website, www.henryetta.org, for more information.

September is the month for county fairs in Oklahoma and **Okmulgee** is no exception. Scheduled for September 4–6, there will be exhibits of every kind, livestock shows and judging, and family activities on Saturday. There will be food vendors, and commercial booths selling baked and canned goods will be featured. Take the kids, get their faces painted, and enjoy some fun. The fairgrounds are located at 1901 North Oklahoma Avenue. Please call 918-756-1958 for more information.

Claremore is holding their annual Bluegrass and Chili Festival September 4–6. More than thirty thousand people enjoy this celebration of great chili and fine musical entertainment each year. Take a lawn chair, enjoy the food, and listen to a wide variety of bluegrass, country, and gospel music. Visitors also can wander around the market, arts and crafts, car show, and other entertainment available. Head to the Expo Center at 400 Veterans Parkway or visit www.claremore.org for more information.

Mustang's annual Western Days will be held September 5–6 this year. Sample chili at the cook off on Friday evening and enjoy some gospel music, followed by the Mustang Round-Up Club Rodeo both evenings at 8 p.m. Take part in the 5K run, watch the parade, browse the arts and crafts booths, and enjoy the carnival. Visit mustangchamber.publishpath.com for a schedule of events.

Jay, located in Delaware County, is the self-proclaimed Huckleberry Capital of the World and will hold its annual festivities at the Delaware County Fair Grounds on September 6 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Featuring a wide variety of agricultural vendors, there will also be plenty of food and fun for the entire family. After the festivities end visit Lake Eucha Park, Spavinaw Hills State Game Refuge, or the Grand Lake O' the Cherokees. Call 918-253-8698 for more information.

Each year the residents of **Maysville** pay tribute to native son Wiley Post.

This year, the celebration will be held on September 6 at 506 Williams Street. Enjoy turtle racing, a pie baking contest, karaoke contest, car show, and arts and crafts boutiques. Do not miss this family fun celebrating the famous aviator from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and stick around for the street dance that begins at 8 p.m. Visit www.maysvillelibrary.okpls.org for more information.

Step back in time during Heritage Days: A Living History Festival and experience what it was like to live in prestatehood **Muskogee** from September 11–13. Enjoy a chuck wagon meal, street shootouts, American Indian song and dance, and a kid's zone. The Bass Reeves Legacy Lawman and Outlaw Tour will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday and the Bassmasters Open Series Fishing Tournament will be held at Three Forks Harbor. Please visit www.visitmuskogee.com/ for more information.

Join the residents of **Newkirk** for their annual celebration of Charlie Adams Day on September 13 from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. This festival commemorates the life of Charlie Adams, Newkirk's longtime pharmacist. Enjoy arts and crafts booths and world-class barbecue with the purchase of a \$7 tasting kit. The Heartland of the Prairie Dutch Oven Society will host Dutch oven demonstrations and offer free desserts. All entertainment and most kid's activities are free, including storytelling and re-enactors. Find more information and a schedule of events at www.charlieadamsday.com.

Attend the Amish School auction, crafts, and antique show in **Clarita** on September 13 to help raise money for the local Amish school. Start the day with breakfast served from 7–10 a.m., then place your bids for the auction. More than two hundred booths are set up for visitors to peruse at their leisure. The event is held at the Raymond Miller Home, Route 5, Box 415. Visit www.claritaoklahoma.com for more information.

Tecumseh Frontier Days is a yearly tribute to the land run of September 1891 and will be held this year on September 19–20. Activities include crowning Miss Frontier Days, vendor booths, live music, food, a parade, gunfighters, and American Indian dancers. The kids will love the carnival and the adults will enjoy the street dance on Saturday. Call the Tecumseh Chamber of Commerce at 405-598-8666 for more information.

Come to **Choteau** on September 20 to celebrate Amish Black Buggy Day from 9 a.m.–9 p.m. in Guy Williams Park. A variety of activities will be featured at this festival, from music and entertainment to horsemanship demonstrations and Cow Patty Bingo. Plenty of food vendors, craft booths, and kid's activities provide something for everyone. Visit www.blackbuggyday.net for more information.

Perkins is the home of the Oklahoma Territorial Plaza and Frank Eaton, popularly known as Pistol Pete. Visit the town to learn more about its history while celebrating the annual Old Settlers' Day on September 2. It will begin with a parade downtown followed by live musical events, vendors, games, and covered wagon races. Call 405-714-6809 or visit www.cityofperkins.net for more information.

The twenty-third annual **Comanche** Fair is scheduled for September 26–28. It is annually the largest American Indian gathering in southwest Oklahoma. The event is free and open to the public, featuring dance competitions, horse racing, hand games, and storytelling. In addition, there is a parade, rodeo, free concert, games, fun run, and spirit walk. Visit www.comanchenation.com for more information.

Fairview offers a unique experience for families to learn about pioneer farm life with its Old Time Threshing Bee and Two-Cylinder Show taking place September 26–27. Witness demonstrations on wheat threshing, rope making, corn shelling, plowing, broom making, grain milling, and more. The Two-Cylinder Show features reenactors bringing the past to life on John Deere Model D tractors from 1923–53. Call 580-227-2265 for more information.

Do you want your organization's meeting, event, or exhibit included in the "Around Oklahoma" section of the *Mistletoe Leaves*? The "Around Oklahoma" section features Oklahoma history and heritage-related activities or programs sponsored by entities other than the Oklahoma Historical Society. To submit news items, please contact Elizabeth Bass, editor, by email at ebass@okhistory.org or by mail at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, during the first week of the month before you wish a news item to appear. For example, if you wish an item to appear in the October issue, you must submit by the first week of September.

Junior Curator Camp held at the History Center



The Oklahoma History Center hosted the first History Pioneers Junior Curator Camp from July 9–11. Participants worked from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day to create their own exhibit to display at the History Center. An exhibit opening was held on Friday, July 11, at 2 p.m. so that the students could show the finished product to family and friends.

Fifteen students aged eight to fourteen learned how to handle artifacts, write labels, research, make mounts, and present an exhibit. Students learned what it was

like to work in a museum from collections, research, exhibit, administrative, and education staff at the Oklahoma History Center. On the last day students held an exhibit opening for museum volunteers, families, and friends where they shared what they learned about their objects from their work at camp.



Above: Assistant Curator of Education Sarah Dumas with the Junior Curator Campers. Below: Ribbon cutting for the exhibit, and the exhibit case presented by the participants in the History Pioneers Junior Curator Camp.

Funbrella installed on Walters Family Plaza

The Walters Family Plaza is now equipped to beat the heat. A large Funbrella umbrella has been installed to shade visitors on their way to the Red River Journey.

The umbrella is fourteen feet tall, twenty feet in diameter, and is rated to withstand winds of ninety miles per hour. It will be opened in the morning and closed when the History Center closes each day or when winds exceed twenty-five miles per hour. If this Funbrella serves its purpose well and proves durable, there are plans to obtain two or three more for the plaza.

Pictured under the shade of the Funbrella are former Governor and First Lady David and Rhonda Walters, with OHS Deputy Executive Director Tim Zwink and OHS History Center Director Dan Provo.



Archival training for tribal librarians

The Office of American Indian Culture and Preservation (AICP) hosted a small group of tribal librarians for training in how to deacidify and encapsulate documents for preservation. Sandy Tharp-Thee of the Iowa Tribal Library, Comanche Tribal Librarian Kim Smith, and Tara Damron of the AICP office attended the training session.

Certified Archivist Bill Welge, director of the AICP, provided instruction as to the procedures for encapsulation. Tharp-Thee brought copies of Iowa treaties the tribe had duplicated at the National Archives in Washington, DC, for treatment.



Above: Bill Welge instructs Sandy Tharp-Thee on the finer points of encapsulating documents.

Brown Bag Lunch & Learn in Enid

On Wednesday, September 10, at noon the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center in Enid will host its monthly Brown Bag Lunch & Learn. Dr. Kenny Brown, a history professor at the University of Central Oklahoma and recent inductee into the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame, will discuss the movie *Far and Away* and its depiction of the 1893 Land Run.

Brown Bag Lunch & Learn lectures are held at noon on the second Wednesday of the month and are free to the public. For more information, please call 580-237-1907 or email csrhcinfo@okhistory.org.

New exhibit at the Drummond Home

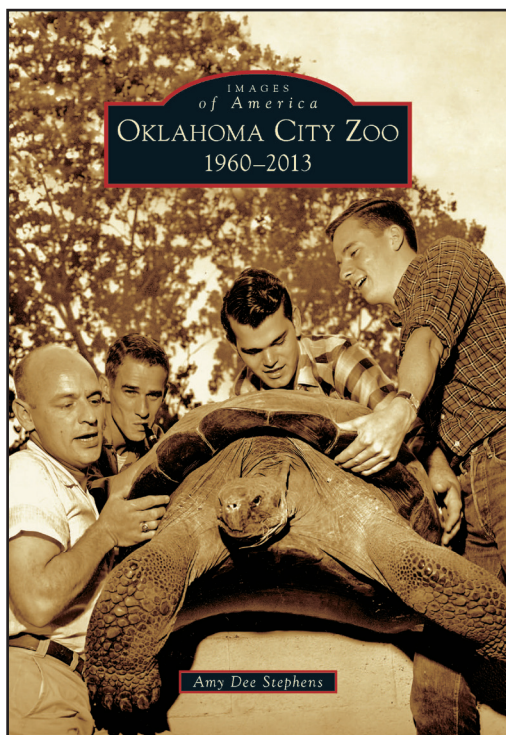
For the month of September, the Fred Drummond Home will feature an exhibit of Drummond family heirlooms. Visit the home to see the artifacts of this prominent ranching family. The Drummond Home is located at 305 North Price Avenue in Hominy. For more information on the home, please call 918-885-2374 or email drummondhome@okhistory.org.

Book signing for Oklahoma City Zoo: 1960-2013

What started as a small menagerie in 1902 officially became the Oklahoma City Zoo in 1903. Journey through the second half century of its illustrious history in *Oklahoma City Zoo: 1960-2013*. Meet the staff and animals and explore the exhibits that propelled it from a third-class animal facility to one of the best zoos in the United States.

Author Amy Dee Stephens is the education supervisor and historian for the Oklahoma City Zoo. In 2011 she curated the opening of the zoo's history museum, the Patricia and Byron J. Gambulos Zoozeum. Her previous book, *Oklahoma City Zoo: 1902-1959*, covers the zoo's first half century.

Meet Stephens during Septemberfest on Saturday, September 6, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. She will be on hand to meet visitors and sign copies of her wonderful new book. If you are not able to attend her book signing, the book will be available in the Oklahoma History Center Museum Store. To order, call 405-522-5214 or go to www.ok.gov/okhistory/store/app/index.php.



Hidden Collections . . .

By Sherry Massey

Denzil D. Garrison, former Oklahoma state senator and OHS Board president, graciously donated the 1864 Civil War quilt made by his great-grandfather, Stephen A. Lewis, to the Oklahoma Historical Society.

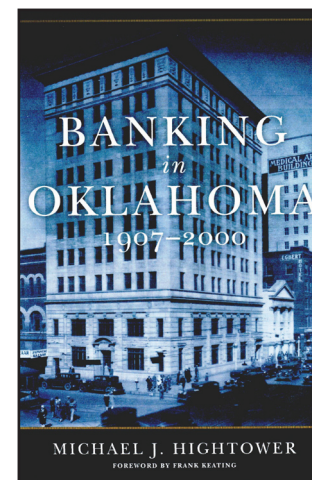
Stephen Lewis was born April 5, 1838, at Edinburg, Beaver County, Pennsylvania. During the Civil War he served with two units, Company E, 19th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and Company C, 104th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, where he obtained the rank of sergeant. Lewis was engaged in the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee, on November 30, 1864, when he was wounded. A musket ball passed through one side of his face and out the other. His Union comrades left him behind, thinking he had perished. When Lewis regained consciousness, he discovered Confederate soldiers scouring the battlefield for Union survivors. Along with other wounded Union soldiers, he was forced to start marching to the infamous Andersonville prison.

Along the trail, Lewis found an axe head that he hid in his clothing. That night, after the guard had fallen asleep, Lewis struck him with the axe head and literally ran for his life with tracking dogs on his scent. He happened upon a slave woman's cabin. At the door he explained who he was and what was happening. She took him in and hid him under a cornhusk mattress. She laid on the mattress to disguise his scent and when the Confederate soldiers came to her door, he was not found. At dawn, his rescuer walked him to the Union lines. He was taken to the Union hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, where he made this quilt from old blankets, Confederate and Union uniforms, and any scraps he could find. Unfortunately, his wound never fully healed and he wore a beard the rest of his life to disguise the scars.

Lewis returned to Ohio and eventually relocated his family to Alva, Oklahoma Territory. He farmed there until his death on February 20, 1923. In gratitude to the slave woman who saved his life, Lewis offered a safe haven to any African American person who needed his help during the turbulent racial conflicts of the early 1920s.

The quilt made by Stephen Lewis was passed down in his family and came into Garrison's possession in 1979. It measures eighty-four inches by eighty-six inches and is pieced in squares and rectangles of blue, green, black, gray, and tan wool. It is tied with red wool yarn. The red cotton backing overlaps the edges to form the binding.

According to the donor, Lewis considered this quilt one of his most prized possessions.



Banking in Oklahoma book signings and class

The new book *Banking in Oklahoma, 1907-2000* by Michael J. Hightower will be released from the University of Oklahoma Press on September 23, 2014. Hightower is the principal researcher for the OHS's Oklahoma Banking Project. Hightower's second book begins where his first book left off, with the statehood celebration in November 1907, and concludes with the Y2K scare at the dawn of the new millennium.

Three book signings have been scheduled shortly after the release date in September. On Thursday, September 25, at 5:30 p.m. Hightower will sign copies of his book and lead a discussion at Full Circle Bookstore located in 50 Penn Place in Oklahoma City.

Another book signing will take place on Saturday, September 27, from 2-4 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble located at Sixty-First and North May Avenue in Oklahoma City.

Hightower also will sign books and lead a discussion on banking in Oklahoma on Tuesday, September 30, at 2 p.m. at the Rivermont Retirement Community in Norman.

Hightower will be one of the instructors for an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute-Oklahoma State University (OLLI-OSU) course on banking in Oklahoma to be held at the Oklahoma History Center. The course will begin Monday, September 29, from 1-3 p.m. and will be held weekly for six sessions. Instructors for the entire course include Hightower for sessions one, two, and three; BancFirst Executive Vice President Jay Hannah for sessions four and six; and Oklahoma Bankers Association Vice President Elaine Dodd for session five. For more information on these courses, please visit <https://education.okstate.edu/olli>.

Books are \$29.95 and available for purchase in the Oklahoma History Center Museum Store, independent and chain bookstores nationwide, and online (hard cover and ebook) at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. All sales benefit the Oklahoma Historical Society.

Historic Preservation Fund grant meeting

The Oklahoma Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will hold a public meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 5, 2014, in the Oklahoma History Center classroom, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City. SHPO staff will provide information about the statewide preservation program and receive public input for development of the fiscal year 2015 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) application to the US Department of the Interior. The SHPO expects to receive approximately \$830,000 from the HPF to carry out its programs and operations. Ten percent of the award is reserved for pass-through grants to Certified Local Governments (CLGs).

Under the National Historic Preservation Act, the SHPO administers the federal historic preservation program in Oklahoma. The purpose of the program is to encourage preservation of the state's archaeological and historic resources for everyone's benefit. The SHPO conducts surveys to identify archaeological and historic resources; nominates eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP); comments on the effects of federal undertakings on archaeological and historic resources; develops the statewide preservation plan; administers the CLG Program; provides comments to the National Park Service about rehabilitation projects proposed for federal tax credits; and provides public outreach programs and technical assistance to preservation professionals, government agencies, and interested citizens.

Tomorrow's Legacy: Oklahoma's Statewide Preservation Plan (2010, available from the SHPO or at www.okhistory.org/shpo/stateplan.htm) sets forth the statewide preservation community's goals and objectives. The SHPO's priorities for addressing the State Plan's goals are continuation of the archaeological and historic/architectural resources survey program, with special emphasis on resources associated with underrepresented peoples, and to extend survey coverage to previously unstudied areas; preparation of NRHP nominations; and continuation of public outreach and technical assistance programs. Your ideas and priorities for the SHPO's activities in each of these program areas in FY 2015 will help strengthen the preservation of Oklahoma's heritage.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, your written comments and suggestions are welcome. You may complete the SHPO's Project Suggestion Form and return it by 5 p.m., Friday, September 5, 2014. Call the SHPO at 405-521-6249 or send an e-mail message to Betty Harris at bharris@okhistory.org to request the form.

Susie McEntire to entertain at fifth annual Heritage Center gala



Native Oklahoman Susie McEntire will be the featured entertainer at Sterling and Spurs, the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center's fifth annual gala. The gala will be held on Friday, September 5, at the Hiland Partners Ballroom in Enid. "We are thrilled to have Susie McEntire as our special guest for the gala. She puts on a marvelous show of songs and inspirational life stories," said Director Andi Holland. "It's also really fun for Enid that both McEntire sisters will be coming to town this year."

Susie McEntire-Eaton is another prodigy of the legendary McEntire singing and rodeo family. Like her brother Pake and sister Reba, Susie began singing in the backseat of the McEntire's car as they drove from one rodeo arena to the next. To pass the time, mother Jac taught the kids harmonies, the fruit of which was The Singing McEntires. After graduating from Oklahoma State University, Susie toured with Reba until she began her family.

Later Susie began singing and recording Christian music. She quickly was signed with a recording label and garnered numerous awards as her

music climbed the charts. As a pioneer of the Positive Country movement, Susie courageously blended her faith into mainstream country music and returned to her farming and ranching roots. Today she performs at rodeos, fairs, and numerous special events for loyal audiences that keep her touring schedule full.

In addition to her singing career, Susie and her husband, Mark Eaton, launched the Eaton Leadership Foundation and are sought-after speakers for schools, seminars, and retreats.

The Heritage Center's Cherokee Strip Days Gala is the museum's major fundraising event of the year to support museum operations. Susie McEntire has generously agreed to auction off a private concert at the event, and she and Mark will be the special dinner guests at the gala sponsors' table.

Tickets for the gala are \$200 for a couple, \$125 for individuals, or \$750 for a table of eight. For more information on the fifth annual Cherokee Strip Days Gala, please contact Director Andi Holland at 580-237-1907 x223.

Lantern tours at the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center

On Friday, September 12, the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center in Enid will host a lantern tour of the Humphrey Heritage Village.

After dark, visitors to the Humphrey Heritage Village will travel back to the days after the Cherokee Outlet Land Run and glimpse into life in 1893. As they tour the historic buildings, guests will encounter schoolmarms, Land Office agents, fine Victorian ladies, homestead families, and other characters from the past.

Tours begin at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$10. To order tickets, please contact the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center at 580-237-1907. The center is located at 507 South Fourth Street in Enid.

Enjoy vintage fashions at Pawnee Bill Ranch

On Saturday, September 27, at 2 p.m. the Pawnee Bill Ranch will host a *Downton Abbey*-themed style show. Attendees will be treated to models wearing both privately-owned original garments and beautifully crafted reproductions from the period of time in which the popular television series *Downton Abbey* is set. This particular era, 1910-30, demonstrated a dramatic change in fashions for women in the United States. Martha Ray, retired OHS director of historic homes, will narrate the style show and provide historical context for each item of clothing and the fashion era it represents. The fee for the style show is \$5 and participants are encouraged to RSVP to 918-762-2513.

The Pawnee Bill Ranch is located one-half mile west of Pawnee on US 64. It was once the home and ranch of world-renowned showman Gordon W. "Pawnee Bill" Lillie and is now available for tour year-round.



Septemberfest scheduled for September 6

Join the Oklahoma History Center and the Governor's Mansion for the eighteenth annual Septemberfest on Saturday, September 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to all of the activities and the museum are free for the entire day.

Along the Red River Journey visitors will find living historians portraying Civil War and WWII soldiers, cowboys, land run participants, nineteenth-century American Indians, and antebellum musicians. The History Center staff will bring the past to life with learning stations, hands-on activities, and demonstrations. The adventure continues inside the History Center with live performances, storytelling, and unique exhibits about Oklahoma. Come early, stay late, and celebrate Oklahoma at Septemberfest. This event is free and registration is not required. For more information, please contact the History Center Education Department at education@okhistory.org or 405-522-3602.

Twenty-year members renew in July

Listed below, with the date they joined the OHS, are people and organizations that, when they renewed their memberships in July, have been members twenty or more years. Their long-term loyalty is most sincerely appreciated!

Harrison Townes, Tulsa, July 1, 1962
Mary Jo Watson, Oklahoma City, August 1, 1984
Sandra Olson, Wynoka, June 1, 1985
Oklahoma Christian University Library, Oklahoma City, September 1, 1985
45th Infantry Division Museum, Oklahoma City, April 10, 1986
Twylla Berger, Ocala, FL, October 24, 1986
Edward and Brenda Granger, Oklahoma City, July 6, 1987
Steven and Donna Byas, Norman, July 22, 1987
Oscar Greenlee, Tulsa, July 28, 1987
Dan and Betty Hobbs, Norman, April 13, 1988
Lonnie and Susan Smith, Fort Towson, May 31, 1988
Fort Smith National Historical Society, Fort Smith AR, July 5, 1988
Bill and Karen Anderson, Holdenville, July 6, 1988
McCurain County Historical Society, Idabel, July 14, 1988
Lonnie Fink, Oklahoma City, June 20, 1989
Mark and Lou Curnutte, Vinita, July 30, 1990
Carol Woitchek, Oklahoma City, June 21, 1991
Oklahoma School of Science & Math, Oklahoma City, June 1, 1992
Mary Finley, Oklahoma City, July 24, 1992
Bill and Kay Gustafson, Oklahoma City, December 7, 1992
Lidia Hook-Gray, Liberal, KS, July 23, 1993
Bruce and Janelle Swearingen, Bixby, July 27, 1993
Roberta Hollis, Edmond, February 15, 1994
Dr. Davis Joyce, Spavinaw, May 31, 1988
Sac & Fox Nation Public Library, Stroud, January 24, 1989
Raymond Holcomb, Plano, TX March 23, 1989
Daniel and Mary Ann Littlefield, North Little Rock, AR, January 8, 1992
Logan and Donna Sharpe, Checotah, April 21, 1992
Jo Hall, Oklahoma City, March 12, 1993
Burns and Ann Hargis, Stillwater, March 24, 1993
Virginia Covington, Chestertown, MD May 25, 1993

Celebrate the autumnal equinox at Spiro Mounds

Come to Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center on September 22 and 23 for the Autumnal Equinox Walks. As the end of summer nears and crops are ready for harvest, the time of year arrives for the most important of ceremony for the eastern American Indians, the Busk or Green Corn Ceremony. This was a harvest and renewal ceremony that took place around the autumnal equinox in the Spiro area. There will be a series of guided Autumnal Equinox Walks at the Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center where you can learn about the Green Corn Ceremony from an archaeologist.

Each day there will be three walks beginning at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m., led by archaeologists and Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center Manager Dennis Peterson. Each walk will take about two hours and require a mile of easy walking.

There is a small fee for this series of tours of \$3 for adults and \$2 for children in addition to the daily admission fee. Oklahoma Historical Society members do not pay the daily admission fee. No reservations are required except for large groups.

The Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center is the only prehistoric American Indian site open to the public in Oklahoma. The center is open Wednesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. Daily admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, and \$1 for children older than six. The center is located three miles east of Spiro on Highway 9/271 and four miles north on Lock and Dam Road. For more information, please call 918-962-2062 or email spiro@okhistory.org.

Frequently Asked Questions about Cemeteries publication available

The Oklahoma Historical Society's Research Center and State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) announce the availability of their joint publication, *Frequently Asked Questions about Cemeteries*, included in the SHPO's Fact Sheets series. Both OHS divisions maintain information about Oklahoma cemeteries and routinely respond to inquiries about their identification and protection.

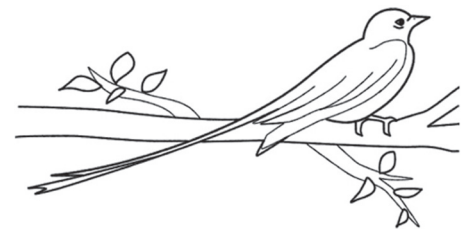
Cemeteries reflect and represent the cultural values and practices of the past that help us learn about our history. They include individual and collective burial places dating from prehistoric or historic times, and embody diverse religious practices, cultural affiliations, traditions, and personal preferences. A cemetery may or may not possess above-ground features; may or may not be well maintained; and may or may not be accessible. Regardless of location or condition, a cemetery must be respected and treated appropriately.

Frequently Asked Questions about Cemeteries is designed to assist in the identification, protection, and study of these special places. Presented in a question and brief answer format, it contains information about the following topics: Cemeteries and the National Register of Historic Places, Protecting Cemeteries, Cemetery Ownership and Maintenance Responsibilities, General Cemetery Research Questions, and Contacts and Quick References. It is available at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/factsheets/fs9cem.pdf> (replaces earlier version of SHPO Fact Sheet #9) or by calling the OHS Research Center at 405-522-5225 or SHPO at 405-521-6249.

New Members, cont'd.

Individual

James Babb, Seminole
Amy Brandley, El Reno
Arlis Burdick, Okmulgee
Sandra Campbell, Seminole
Jayla Carpenter, Maud
Bret Carter, Ponca City
Mark Contial, Tulsa
Alexandria Cox, Tulsa
Jonathan Crane, Agra
Leticia De La Cruz, Tulsa
Latricia Deason, Claremore
Vincent Dimambro, Ada
Anne Doll, Hemosa Beach, CA
Veronica Embry, Lawton
Daniel Film, Okmulgee
Marshall Gach, Marietta
Marcella Gately, Del City
Linda Gray, Meeker
Denise Gregg, Bartlesville
Rebecca Hart, Okmulgee
Joe Higginbotham, Ashland, KS
Brenda Holguin, La Puente, CA
Michael Holmes, Kiefer
Glenna Huls, Haddonfield, NJ
Amanda Leclair, Broken Arrow
Kevin Lovett, Tishomingo
Melinda Mayberry, Sapulpa
Peggy Nabors, Cushing
Jessica Nanez, Idabel
Carol Nave, Collinsville
Jimmy Parr, Duncan
Troy Poteete, Webbers Falls
Todd Price, Blanchard
Phil Richardson, Minco
James Rider, Jay
David Simpson, Kingfisher
Tava Solcum, Jenks
Jim Suter, Claremore
George Theroux, McAlester
James Thomas, Eufaula
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September events at a glance

- 5 Fifth annual Cherokee Strip Days Gala—Sterling and Spurs, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
- 5 Public meeting for the SHPO’s fiscal year 2015 Historic Preservation Fund grant application, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 6 Septemberfest and *Oklahoma City Zoo: 1960–2013* book signing, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 10 Brown Bag Lunch & Learn with Dr. Kenny Brown, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
- 12 Lantern tours, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
- 13 Quilting workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 13 Hand to machine sewing, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
- 20 Third Saturday Living History program, Murrell Home, Park Hill
- 20 Dutch oven cooking class, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
- 22-23 Autumnal Equinox Walks, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, Spiro
- 23 Publication date for *Banking in Oklahoma, 1907–2000* by Michael J. Hightower
- 25 *Banking in Oklahoma, 1907–2000* book signing and discussion, Full Circle Book Store, Oklahoma City
- 27 Vintage clothing style show, Pawnee Bill Ranch, Pawnee
- 27 *Banking in Oklahoma, 1907–2000* book signing, Barnes & Noble, Oklahoma City
- 30 “Music of the Dust Bowl” OHS membership appreciation event, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 30 *Banking in Oklahoma, 1907–2000* book signing and discussion, Rivermont Retirement Community, Norman

Groundbreaking ceremony for the Honey Springs Battlefield Visitor Center

On Saturday, July 19, more than one hundred people gathered to commemorate the 151st anniversary of the Battle of Honey Springs. The event this year included the groundbreaking for the planned Honey Springs Battlefield Visitor Center. The visitor center will be a space slightly larger than six thousand square feet and will include an exhibit gallery, gift shop, community meeting space, and the LeRoy H. Fischer Research Library.

Dr. Fischer joined the Oklahoma Historical Society Board of Directors in 1966 and served for forty-three years. An early champion for historic preservation, Dr. Fischer worked tirelessly to save Old Central, the founding building at Oklahoma State University, and Honey Springs Battlefield. The research library is named for Dr. Fisher in recognition of his steadfast preservation efforts.

Lifting a shovel at the groundbreaking were OHS Executive Director Bob Blackburn, Dr. Fischer’s sons John and Andrew, members of the OHS Board of Directors, Friends of Honey Springs board members, and representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture, the National Park Service, and the Osage Nation.



Above: A reenactor colorguard assisted with the proceedings at the Honey Springs groundbreaking.

Below: Ground is broken for the new visitor center and and LeRoy H. Fischer Research Library.

