

Logan County Historical Society Membership Newsletter

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2015 LCHS Membership Drive

Greeting LCHS members,

A year has already past since our first newsletter went out last May. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of this project. Without support from the community and members like you we would not be able to continue.

It is now time to Kick-Off our 2015 Membership Drive. If you supported us in 2014, I encourage you to renew your membership. If you have not yet joined, now is great time to show your support. One of our goals for 2015 is to increase membership by twenty percent.

Becoming a member helps us to provide programs for the community and helps support and encourage historical projects within the county. During the last year the LCHS has worked to build relationships with county museums, offered programs such as *Preserving Your Families Treasures*, and assisted with preservation efforts within the county.

In 2015, we are striving to build on our successes. Please join us in Mineral Wells Park on May 28th at 6:00 for our membership drive kick-off event. This family friendly event is inspired by the Grand BBQ picnics in the park's history.

Hope to see you on May 28th.

Amy Loch, Executive Director

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The mission of the Logan County Historical Society is to conduct its activities in a manner which shall serve to preserve and perpetuate the history of Logan county and its people.

Crescent/Lovell Exploration

Have a group of people? Looking for something different to do? Try one of our new County Exploration Trips. Right now we are booking for our Crescent/Lovell Exploration experience. Take a trolley ride to downtown Crescent, see the Frontier Country Museum, and visit the original Lovell town site and commemorative monument.

A minimum of 12 participants is needed for the trip, pre-registration is required. The cost from Guthrie is \$25 per person, ask about pricing options for additional starting points. To book your trip call Amy at 405-282-6000 or email amy.lchsok@yahoo.com



Logan County Historical Society 2015 Membership Drive Kick Off Event

MINERAL WELLS PARK

Join Us at the Pavilion

May 28th at 6:00 pm

Enjoy BBQ sandwiches and fixings

Hear early 1900s popular tunes

Learn about Island Parks finest days

\$10 per person for food

Logan County Happenings

New Historic Marker being planned for Harrison Avenue.

The Pollard Theater has expressed an interest in adding a new historical marker sign about their building at 120 W. Harrison. The text of the sign will be researched and checked for accuracy before the sign will be approved for creation and installation. The sign will be produced to match the style of existing signs throughout down town Guthrie. There are currently 22 signs maintained by the LCHS.

Preserving Your Family Treasures

Back by popular demand, if you missed our first session you will have another opportunity on Sunday July 19th at 2:00 at the Frontier County Museum, 500 N. Grand Ave in Crescent.

Do you have family heirlooms that you are not sure how to protect or display? Come join us to learn the basics of preserving your family treasures. Dr. Mark Janzen, Director of the Museum Studies Program at the University of Central Oklahoma will be presenting the program. Attendees are welcome to bring items for specific advice.

Strategic Planning Assistance

Logan County Historical Society Director and TCSP board member, Amy Loch is sharing her expertise with the Territorial Capital Sports Museum by facilitating their strategic planning process. The Territorial Capital Sports Museum is in the process of preparing for their future as the museum's founding Director, Richard Hendricks, prepares for his retirement in the next several years. "Without Hendricks there would be no sports museum in Guthrie, but it has come time to plan for the museum's next stage of development."

Owens Art Place 10th Anniversary

Show your support for Owens Art Place Museum, **the first and only fine arts museum in Logan County**. The museum began as a dream of Dr. Wallace Owens in 2005. Dr. Owens is an artist and educator who retired from UCO. Dr. Owens purchased an old church at 1202 E. Harrison which is now the home of Owens Art Place. Since its creation, the museum has featured 26 regional artists. The museum is currently featuring their 10th Anniversary show from their permanent collection, *An Artistic Odyssey: Ten Years in the Making*. The show will be on display until July. The museum is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10-4 and Sundays from 1-4. Other hours by appointment, 405-260-0204. The museum is a 501c3 which relies solely on donations in order to continue to operate and support art shows and cultural activities in the community. Congratulations to Dr. Owens and Owens Art Palace on a successful first 10 years.

James Lovell: One Man's Vision Leads to a Legacy

Every museum begins with a dream, someone's vision of what could be, what should be saved, and what stories need to be told. Dr. James "Jim" Frederick Lovell was one such man. Born in 1934 on the family farm near Lovell, Oklahoma. He attended Marshall High School and Oklahoma State University. Jim went on to obtain his PhD in Plant Ecology and spent his professional life serving the academic field in a variety of positions. He retired from his role as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Interim President of Northeastern Oklahoma State College in Miami, Oklahoma in 1988, returning to his wife's hometown of Weatherford, Oklahoma.

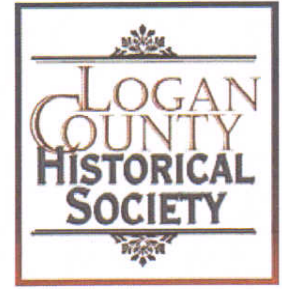
While Jim had always been a collector, it was not until after his retirement that Jim became very involved in preserving the history of Oklahoma. Jim was an instrumental leader in the building of the Pioneer Monument that was dedicated to the first settlers of his hometown of Lovell. Jim also proposed the creation of the Frontier Country Museum in Crescent, Oklahoma, approaching the community with an idea, many historical objects, and much of the initial funding to build his dream. After the Frontier Country Museum was up and running Jim played an instrumental role in the creation of the Heartland Museum in Weatherford, Oklahoma where he lived. Jim remained an active member of both communities until the onset of Alzheimer's. He passed away on February 25, 2015.

While Jim has passed away, his dreams live on through these museums. The Frontier Country Museum continues to be run by a dedicated group of volunteers. They offer changing art exhibits in their gallery space, school programs for children in their one-room school house, and a good trip down memory lane with their permanent exhibits. The Heartland Museum features exhibits from the 1800s through the 1950s, even offering a look into an authentic Weatherford Route 66 diner.

This article is written in dedication to the efforts of Jim Lovell and the legacy he helped to create. He will be missed.

Why Join the Logan County Historical Society?

- Show your support for Logan County historical activities
- Receive quarterly newsletters
- Name recognition on Membership Newsletter
- Invitation to premier activities and events
- Support community collaboration
- Support historic programming and local historical awards
- Individual Memberships are only \$25 and Family Memberships are \$50 a year
- Business Memberships are \$100 a year
- Inquire about additional membership levels and sponsorship opportunities



Logan County Historical Society Membership Form

Name: _____ Business Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____ Preferred Communication Method: Email _____ Mail _____

Membership Level: Individual (\$25) _____ Family (\$50) _____ Business (\$100) _____

Payment: Make checks payable to Logan County Historical Society
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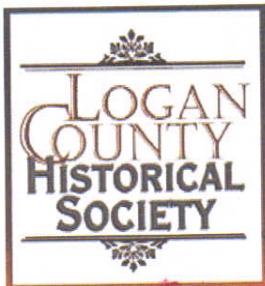
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Logan County Museum and Historic Activity Directory

Drug Store Museum, 214 W. Oklahoma Guthrie 405-282-1895
First Capital Trolley, Guthrie 405-282-6000
Frontier Country Museum, 500 N. Grand Crescent 405-969-3660
Logan County Historical Society 405-282-6000 ex 4
Oklahoma Territorial Capital Sports Museum, 315 W. Oklahoma Guthrie 405-260-1342
Oklahoma Territorial Museum 406 E. Oklahoma Guthrie 282-1889
Owens Art Place, 1202 E. Harrison Guthrie 405-260-0204
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